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LONDON, TO-DAY.

LATEST STEPS IN THE TENSE SITUATION ARISING OUT OF THE ALLIED SOWING OF MINE-FIELDS IN SCANDINAVIAN WATERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE COUNTRIES MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED — NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

Messages received in London from Stockholm reveal that the Swedish General Staff has ordered immediate strict military measures to face any situation. Especially energetic measures, it is added, have been taken in southern Sweden, presumably in case of an attempted German landing.

In Norway (states an Oslo telegram), the authorities have issued orders to the Norwegian Fleet to concentrate in the northern harbour of Narvik.

GERMAN LANDING HINTED AT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Stockholm, To-day.

The men on board the German transport Rio de Janeiro torpedoed by the Royal Navy yesterday were wearing German field uniform, thus confirming that the vessel was engaged in duty as a military transport, naval circles here declare.

Political circles and the public at large consider this fact to be a sign of the gravity of the situation for the Scandinavian countries.

The Swedish radio announces that the Posidonia was warned by a British warship, in accordance with military law, before sinking her.—Havas.

200 MEN LOST

OSLO, TO-DAY.

TWO HUNDRED MEN ARE REPORTED TO HAVE GONE DOWN WITH THE UNIDENTIFIED GERMAN SHIP WHICH WAS SUNK BY

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(The Norwegian Fleet is built for coast guard duty and consists of four small cruisers, five destroyers and nine submarines, manned by only 850 men).

The Norwegian Government has also ordered the authorities at Narvik and at Bodoe, which controls the southern entrance to the channels between the Lofoten Islands and the mainland, to close the harbour to all west-bound traffic.

LIGHTS EXTINGUISHED

In Oslo, well-informed circles state that the Norwegian authorities have ordered the stopping of all iron-ore shipments through Narvik.

The Norwegian Admiralty last night ordered all lighthouses between the Swedish frontier and Møstene, near Bergen, to be extinguished.—Havas.

GERMAN PLANES OVER BELGIUM AGAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

Foreign planes — some of which were identified as German — flew over Namur and Eupen yesterday at a great height, dropping pamphlets printed in French. — Havas.

THE ROYAL NAVY OFF LILLE-BAND YESTERDAY.

It is stated that 88 men were saved, and that 27 bodies have been recovered.—Reuter.

(Earlier messages on the Navy's sinking of three German ships, including a transport, will be found in Page 9).

IMPORTANT DECISIONS EXPECTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Important decisions will probably be taken at noon to-day at a meeting of the War Cabinet under the chairmanship of President Lebrun.

General Gamelin and General Georges (Chief of Staff) were present at a preliminary meeting yesterday.—Havas.

GERMAN ULTIMATUM TO NORWAY?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The German Government is contemplating the sending of an ultimatum to Norway, according to rumours circulating in Berlin.

Germany would ask Norway in this ultimatum for the immediate removal by Norway of British mines laid in Norwegian waters.

Norwegian circles in London admit the possibility of Germany sending an ultimatum to Norway; they do not think that Norway will do more than renew its very energetic protest.

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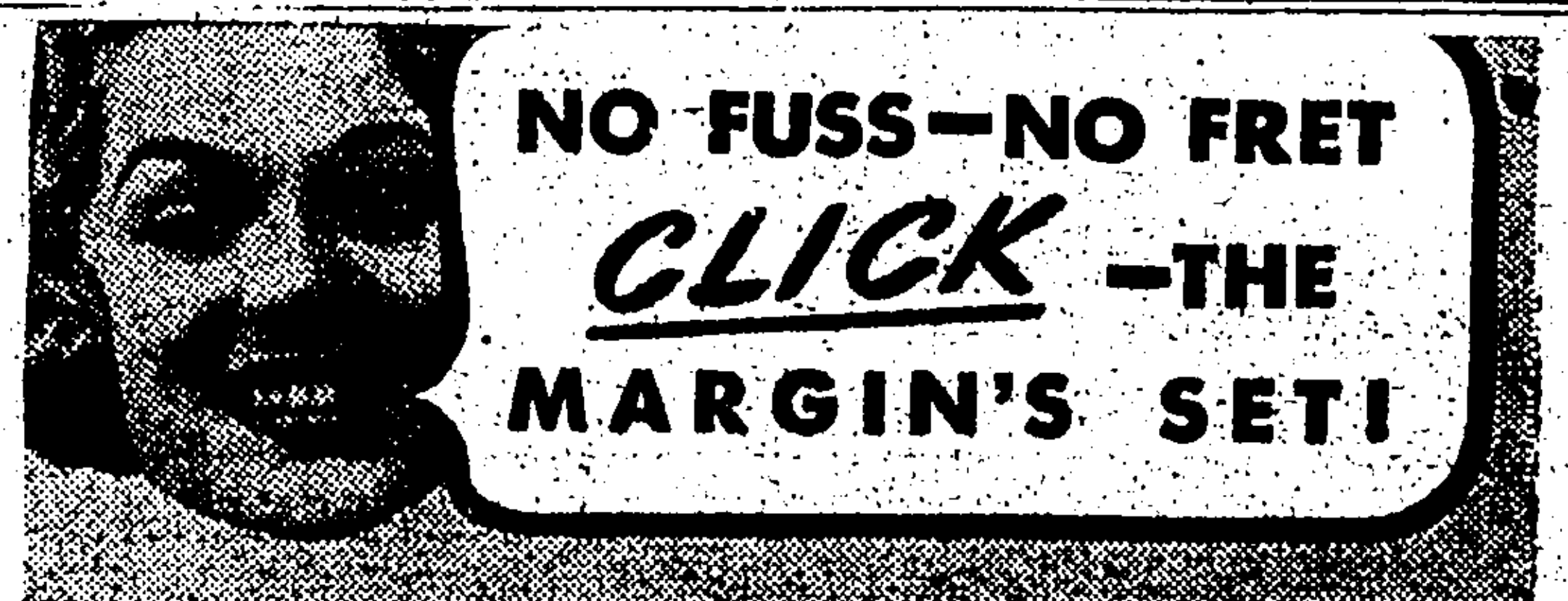
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

The newspaper "Berne Tagwacht" is of the opinion that the Allied action in Norway will compel Germany to try and force the blockade by taking the offensive on the Western Front. The paper thinks that it is also an

indication that the Allies desire to seek a military and not an economic solution to the present war.

Swiss papers express the greatest anxiety over the fate of the neutrals.—Havas.



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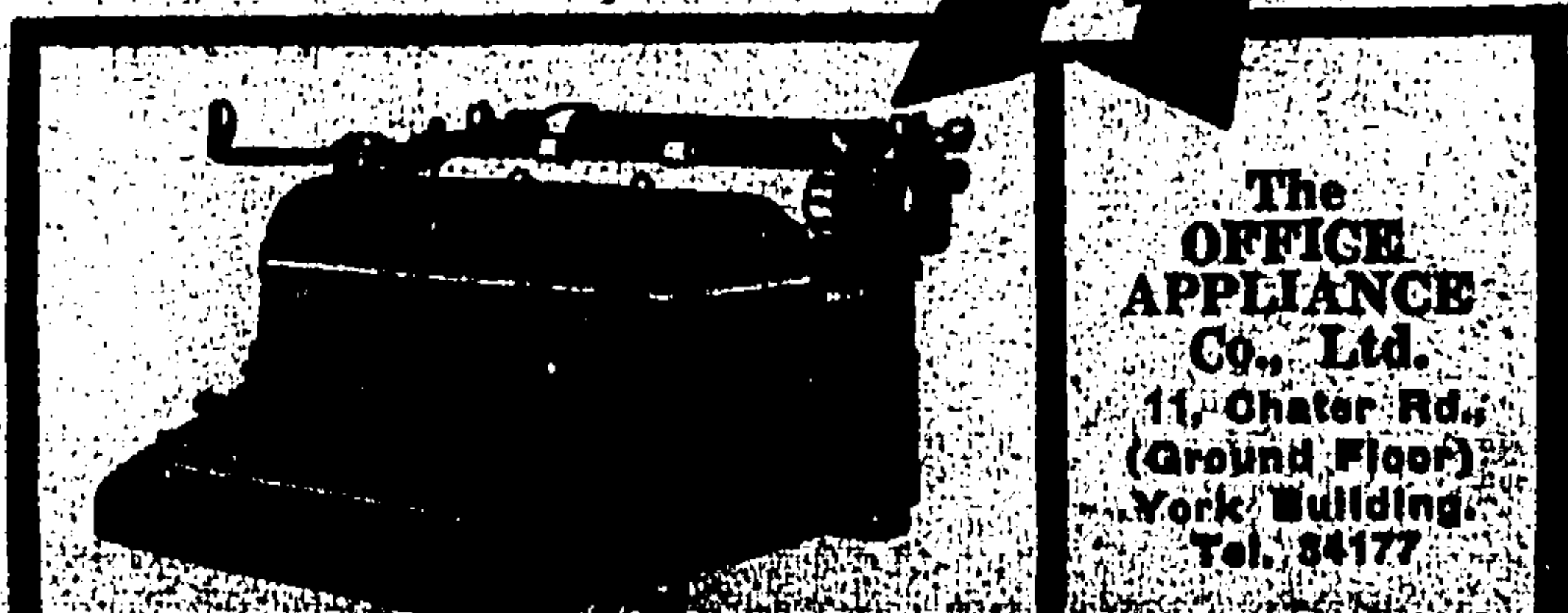
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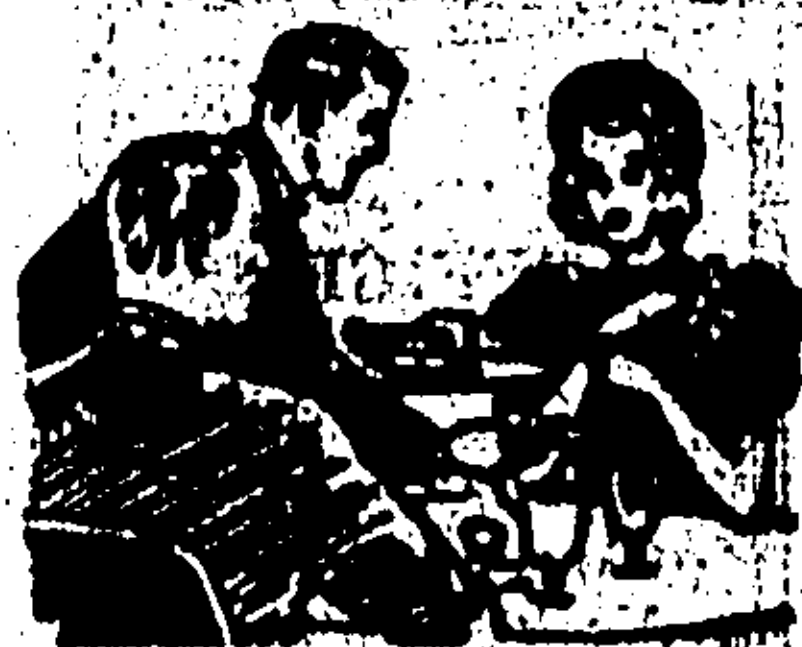
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Capetown, To-day.

In a speech on war questions yesterday the Premier, General Smuts, recalled that already 60,000 of South Africa's small population of Europeans have volunteered for military service.

There had been no extraordinary effort to recruit men but if the war became more serious the response would be greater still.

Northern Rhodesia, Tanganyika and Kenya, he said, were outposts of South Africa and her civilisation.

"WE SHALL BE THERE"

"If there is danger we shall be there. Perhaps we shall have to defend South Africa there. For all this we are preparing."

There was no isolation in the world to-day, he declared.

He had not a drop of English blood in his veins but he did believe Britain "is our greatest friend and that Germany would be a dangerous bed-fellow."

Since September 4 there had been a surge of feeling in favour of South Africa's decision to enter the war. — Reuter.

KUOMINTANG RELATIONS WITH COMMUNISTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Reports from Chungking state that the Committee of the People's Council has formed a Special Committee of 11 members, two of which are Communists, Mao Tze-tung and Ching Po-

GOEBBELS RUNNING OUT OF IDEAS

Berlin, To-day.

The tightening of the Allied blockade and the policy of Germany in refraining from action has presented a difficult problem for Nazi propagandists.

Neutral observers report a growing unrest in Germany at the lack of real war news and dissatisfaction at the controlled Nazi press which gives little news but only a lot of vague threats against Britain and the neutrals.

A flock of rumours has now taken the place of news, and the way the rumours are getting about suggests to neutral journalists that they may be part of an officially inspired campaign.

Another morale-boosting attempt has been the release of "Baptism of Fire," a documentary film dealing with the bombing attacks by the German air force in Poland.

Neutral journalists were invited to see the film, though whether this was just a friendly invitation or a dark hint is not quite clear.

The opinion of the journalists about the film is well summarised by a Netherlands correspondent, who says that the film shows the barbarity and madness of modern war and constitutes a bitter indictment against all responsible for the war now being waged by civilised nations in Europe. — Reuter.

ku, aiming mainly to iron out all difficulties arising between the Kuomintang and the Communists in north-west China.

The Special Committee's final decision will be submitted to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. — Havas.

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BIAS BAY MOVES SPECULATION

(From Our Border Correspondent)

THERE IS SPECULATION in Chinese circles regarding the object of the assembling of Japanese warships in Bias Bay, the bombing of Sha-ue-chung yesterday and the arrival of two armed trawlers and some 10 armed junks off Namtau at dawn to-day.

PREVENTING SABOTAGE ATTEMPTS

A representative of the A.P.C. stated in the Marine Court this morning that at the present time every effort is being made to prevent attempts at sabotage.

He was prosecuting a boatman and two women who were causing an obstruction off the A.P.C. wharf at North Point. They were found at 7.15 this morning by Sergt. R. N. Rennie, and were fined \$5 or five days.

COMPULSORY SERVICE TRIBUNAL

A public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal appointed by His Excellency the Governor, under the Compulsory Service Ordinance, No. 32 of 1939, will be held in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat, at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, 15th April.

Annual athletic sports of St. Paul's College will take place at Caroline Hill on Friday, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

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It is also learned that between 400 and 500 "puppet" troops, under Japanese military leaders, are massed at Taiping, opposite Bocca Tigris, some 25 miles north-west of Namtau.

It is feared in some quarters that the Japanese intend once again to occupy the border between Namtau and Shataukok.

The object of yesterday's raid on Sha-ue-chung is believed to be an attempt to sever communications between Sha-ue-chung and the interior of Kwangtung.

The Chinese military are well prepared for any emergency. All armed forces have received instructions to stand-by. They anticipate a landing at Ha-chung in Bias Bay, the same spot where the Japanese first landed prior to the taking of Canton last year.

READY TO EVACUATE

Residents in Sha-ue-chung are making preparations to evacuate following receipt of advice by the Chinese authorities at Tamshui, and many have already left. A few commercial firms have suspended business.

The ferry service between the New Territories and Sha-ue-chung, across Mirs Bay, and between Hong Kong and Namtau is still operating. No attempt to interfere with the ferry boat was made by the armed Japanese boats off Namtau this morning.

Representatives of the different armed Chinese units, including guerillas, in the Po On District, were summoned to Shumchun last night and a military conference was held to discuss the situation and issue instructions.

Normal conditions prevail along the entire border, but uneasiness among the population is noticeable.

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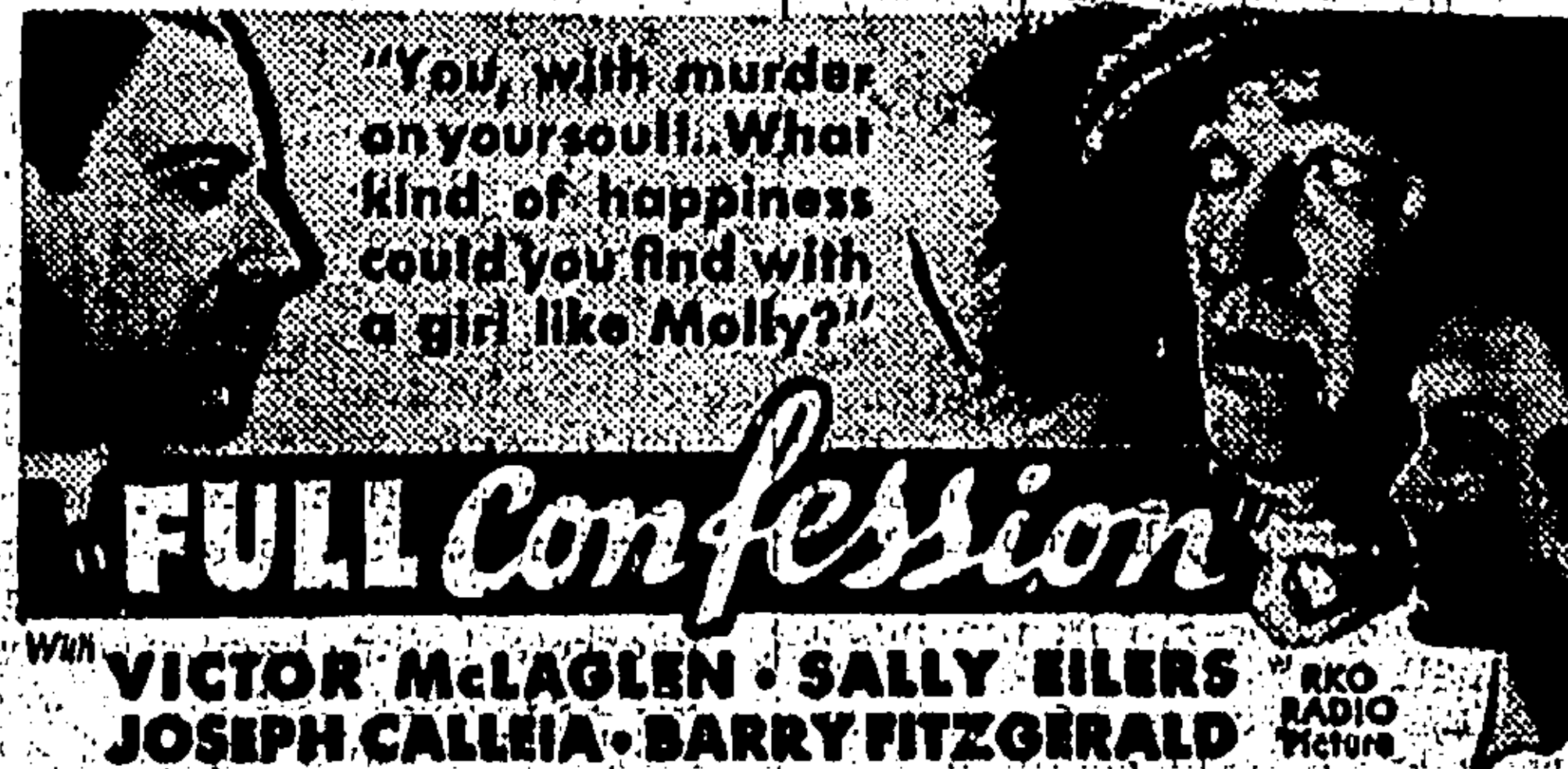


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FULL TEXT OF OSLO'S PROTEST TO ALLIES

Norway Reserves Right To Retaliate

DR. KOHT REVEALS BRITISH NOTE TO NORTHERN STATES

Oslo, To-day.

A "SERIOUS AND SOLEMN PROTEST" against the Allied decision to mine certain territorial waters was handed to the British and French Ministers here by the Norwegian Government yesterday. The statement says: "This morning the British and French Governments allowed mines to be placed in three areas in Norwegian waters, with the aim of stopping free shipping within Norwegian waters, and British warships have been sent to patrol these areas."

"The Norwegian Government makes a serious and solemn protest against this open breach of international law and such violation by force of Norwegian sovereignty and neutrality."

"Throughout the war Norway has preserved all the rules of neutrality with the strictest care, keeping her waters open to all legitimate traffic of ships belonging to belligerent countries."

"Norway has acted according to those rules which are generally acknowledged."

No Reason To Expect

"The Norwegian Government reminds the British and French Governments that this year the British Government signed an agreement with Norway in which it was stipulated that Norwegian goods — even goods regarded as contraband — may be sold by and exported from Norway to Germany."

"Therefore the Norwegian Government could not have reason to expect that the Allied Governments would forcibly intervene and try to stop this traffic."

Removal Demanded

"The Norwegian Government cannot in any way agree to belligerent countries placing mines in Norwegian territorial waters."

territorial waters.

"The Government must claim that such mines be removed at once and patrolling by foreign warships cease."

"The Norwegian Government must reserve the right to take such appropriate measures as this violation of our neutrality may demand."

British Note

Dr. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, yesterday referred to the Note which Britain and France sent to Norway and Sweden on April 5 and which, in the British version, said: "His Majesty's Government understand the difficult position of the two Governments owing to threats and pressure from Germany, but they cannot reach the conclusion that under present circumstances the Swedish and Norwegian Governments are not to be regarded as free organs in every respect."

The Allied Note, said Dr. Koht, proceeded to say that the Allied Governments could no longer tolerate the present situation, "which means that Germany receives from Norway and Sweden important war materials and Germany benefits from advantages in those countries to the disadvantage and danger of the Allied powers."

"They consequently feel the time has now come to state clearly to the Norwegian Government that the Allied Governments will maintain certain vital claims and defend these claims in every way that they deem necessary themselves."

Fighting For Neutrals

Dr. Koht added the Allied Note said they were bound to take appropriate steps to defend their interests if the Norwegian Government refused to grant or cut down those advantages to trade and shipping which the Allied Governments deemed necessary for their warfare and which they felt a neutral government might reasonably approve.

The Note added the Allies were fighting as much on behalf of the small nations as for their own cause, and they could not tolerate their progress being hampered owing to the advantages Germany was now getting from Norway and Sweden. Consequently they reserve the right to take steps which they deemed necessary to prevent Germany getting from those countries materials or advantages which would benefit Germany or be harmful to the Allies. Dr. Koht said he told the British

PRIZE PROVES TREASURE SHIP

London, To-day.

The German freighter Uhenfels, which was brought up the Thames by the Royal Navy, has almost completed unloading at Millwall Docks and has proved a veritable treasure ship.

It is estimated the ship and cargo are worth roughly £750,000, including tons of oil cake and groundnuts suitable for making margarine.—Reuter.

and French Ministers there was no reason to accuse the Norwegian Government of not being free and independent. He said he thought it unfair to address the Norwegian Government in that way.

New Situation

He added there was no reason to indicate the Norwegian Government would not respect agreements it had recently signed in regard to trade and shipping, but otherwise he could not and would not make an immediate reply.

Moreover, the Note said nothing about measures which were under consideration.

Dr. Koht said he placed the Note before his Government on Saturday and telephoned the Swedish Foreign Minister.

They agreed to prepare replies following the same lines but before the replies could be sent developments occurred which created a completely new situation.

After quoting the text of the Allied Note delivered to Norway yesterday, Dr. Koht added: "I am not going to say much about the ideas and thoughts underlying that Note."

Well-Tried Friendship

"These violations are carried out solely because they have the power to do so. The Western Powers are carrying the war into Norwegian territory because they think they can more easily win the war by doing so."

M. Hambro, Speaker of the Storting, yesterday expressed the hope the Government would succeed in removing the difficulties and that "old and well-tried friendships will not be too much endangered."

The Storting unanimously approved Dr. Koht's speech.—Reuter.

NO HEARING FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. A. DUFF-COOPER, FORMER FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, SPEAKING IN LONDON AFTER HIS RETURN FROM A LECTURE TOUR IN THE UNITED STATES, SAID THAT SINCE WAR BROKE OUT HE HAD FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PLACE AN ARTICLE IN AN AMERICAN NEWSPAPER.

The Americans were most interested in Mr. Hore-Belisha's resignation but Mr. Hore-Belisha was also unable to place an article in the American press, so strong was the American fear of doing British propaganda.

Britain was doing too little, Mr. Duff-Cooper said, in acquainting Americans with the true facts, while the Germans were very successful with their propaganda.—Reuter.

TWO POINTS TO BEAR IN MIND

New York, To-day.

A "Herald Tribune" editorial on neutrality says that if Allied pressure should ever become severe to a point forcing the Scandinavians out of their neutral position, it will be worth bearing two points in mind.

"First, the whole law of neutrality pre-supposes a limited and restricted war, but in a very real sense this is not a limited war. Not only is it being fought on the economic front throughout the world but every nation in Europe knows that it is going to be intimately affected by the outcome."

"Second, only the defeat of Germany holds out any hope of ever re-establishing any effective rule of international law at all."

"If, in encompassing that defeat, the Allies strain the laws which the Nazis have so freely broken, it will be unfortunate but no defender of the ideal of international law can safely raise his voice against the Allies doing so unless he is quite certain that they can win without it."—Reuter.

PUZZLING WANG TRIP TO PEIPING

Peiping, To-day.

Wang Ching-wei arrived here on a sudden visit shortly after noon yesterday by plane. Evidently his arrival took all but a few in the know completely by surprise.

Wang is remaining in Peiping a few days and stated in an interview with Chinese, Japanese and foreign journalists that he had come to North China to investigate the situation here and to meet responsible authorities, including the Japanese military commander-in-chief and others.

Wang stressed the importance of anti-Communism in the policy of the new government, and expressed confidence that the North China regime would co-operate with the Nanking government.

"China and Japan have the same goal; surely we can join hand in hand and work for the welfare of both."

Local foreign circles are completely puzzled as regards the reasons for Wang's visit, particularly its suddenness and secrecy.—Reuter.

"PU YI NO. 2" NOT POPULAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

President Lin Sen and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek have received many messages from Chinese military leaders strongly condemning Wang Ching-wei's regime and urging the National Government to take strong measures against it.

Other anti-Wang messages continue to pour in some demanding energetic action against "Pu Yi No. 2."—Havas.



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Allied Action Welcomed By The Press

SPEAKING TO THE NEUTRALS IN PLAIN LANGUAGE

London, To-day.

THE RELEASE OF THE NEWS of the laying of mines in Norwegian territorial waters had to be determined by the carrying out of the operation itself. It came too late for yesterday's morning papers in both London and Scandinavia, and the public learned it at various times during the morning.

The London evening papers warmly welcomed the action. The "Evening Standard" recalled the torpedoing on Saturday of the Norwegian ship Navarra by a U-boat, which sank her without warning and, although it stood by for some time, offered no help. "Something must be done and done quickly," said the secretary of the Norwegian Seamen's Union in a strongly worded statement.

"Something has been done," comments the "Evening Standard." The Allied declaration in connection with the measure is the most significant pronouncement of the war. Norway will protest, but the people of Norway can see clearly who is their enemy and who is their friend.

"Plain sense" is the comment of the "Star." The world will agree that the action of the Allies is more in accordance with those ideals and principles which the laws of neutrality were made to defend than anything the Germans have done.—Reuter.

In Plain Language

London, To-day.

The decision of the Allies to "show their teeth" was heartily welcomed by yesterday morning's British Press (which was still unaware of the greater news to come, the sowing of the minefields). Most of the press comment was devoted to the Allied determination to tighten the blockade net round Germany.

Without exception, the British press emphasizes the desire to respect neutral rights within the full limits of reason but, in plain language, the neutrals are asked to consider the alternative to an Allied victory.

The answer, the papers suggest, was given on Saturday in the murder of Norwegian officers and seamen of the Navarra, sunk without warning by a Nazi submarine.

Perhaps the most outspoken comment is that appearing in the "Yorkshire Post."

We Are Entitled

We fully understand Norwegian and Swedish fears of German aggression, says the paper, and we are determined not to use Nazi methods against them.

But we are entitled on our side for an understanding of our position.

The paper recalls that on Saturday the Norwegian Foreign Minister said that Norway would defend her territorial waters against anyone who violated them.

Curb The Gangster

If Norway could and would fulfil that pledge, comments the "Yorkshire Post," we might reasonably be content. We do not want to interfere with the neutrality of others; all we ask is that the neutrality should be genuine.

To observe the strict letter of the law while the enemy tears it to tatters to his own advantage is to make the law fulfil the wrong purpose. Laws are made to curb the gangster not to protect and reward him.—Reuter.

Italian Comment

Rome, To-day.

The evening papers declare the Allied action in minelaying in Norwegian waters is a breach of Norwegian neutrality.

The "Tribuna," commenting briefly, says "The British, who protested against Germany's mine warfare, describing it as 'barbarous,' have to-day adopted the same arm against a neutral country."—Reuter.

What The Danes Think

Copenhagen, To-day.

"You can hardly believe that such a blow to the independence of small na-

KENYA AS WAR LARDER

Nairobi, To-day.

Kenya is preparing to produce more wheat, flax and beans for Britain, on the advice of the East African trade delegation now visiting London.

Kenya is also planning a war-time supply of hay to the Near and Middle East.—Reuter.

tions could come from a country that has always waved the right of independence on her standard," writes the "Ekstrabladet," commenting on the mining of Norwegian waters.—Reuter.

Reaction Of Berlin

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

"An Allied onslaught to force the neutrals into the war," is the German comment on the Allied minefields in Norwegian territorial waters. Another version is that it is tantamount to "an Allied declaration of war on the neutrals."

Berlin circles have "revealed" a British plan to block the Danube from the Black Sea to the Reich.

According to the Nazis, this British plan called for the dynamiting of several heavy barges at a point where the Hungarian, Rumanian and Yugoslavian borders converge.

This plot has been "foiled," say the Nazis.

"Germany will accept the Allied challenge," official circles comment, apropos the new minefields. "At present we are ice-cold. At present we are watching the Allies abolish neutral rights. We are determined to maintain our rights of action."—Havas.

TELLING FIGURES

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE WAR, THERE WAS A BIG INCREASE IN U.S. EXPORTS TO BRITAIN AND FRANCE AND A BIG FALLING OFF IN THOSE TO GERMANY.

Up to the end of February, the total value of exports from the United States rose by one-third to \$487,000,000.

Of these, the value of the total exports to Germany was \$175,000, or \$18,000,000 less than for the corresponding figure for 1938.

Exports to Britain totalled \$79,000,000 worth and to France over \$37,000,000; the British figure represents an increase of 15 per cent.

Purchases of aeroplanes by the Allies amounted to almost \$23,000,000. — Reuter.

TIENTSIN GREAT WAR ASSOCIATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tientsin, To-day.

"The Tientsin United Services Great War Association" has decided to drop the qualification "Great War" from its title.

Membership regulations, providing previously for the automatic eligibility of anyone who had served with the British forces during the Great War, have been altered to include as eligible those who had served or may have served in any war in which Britain participated.

Women war workers will be welcome. — Havas.

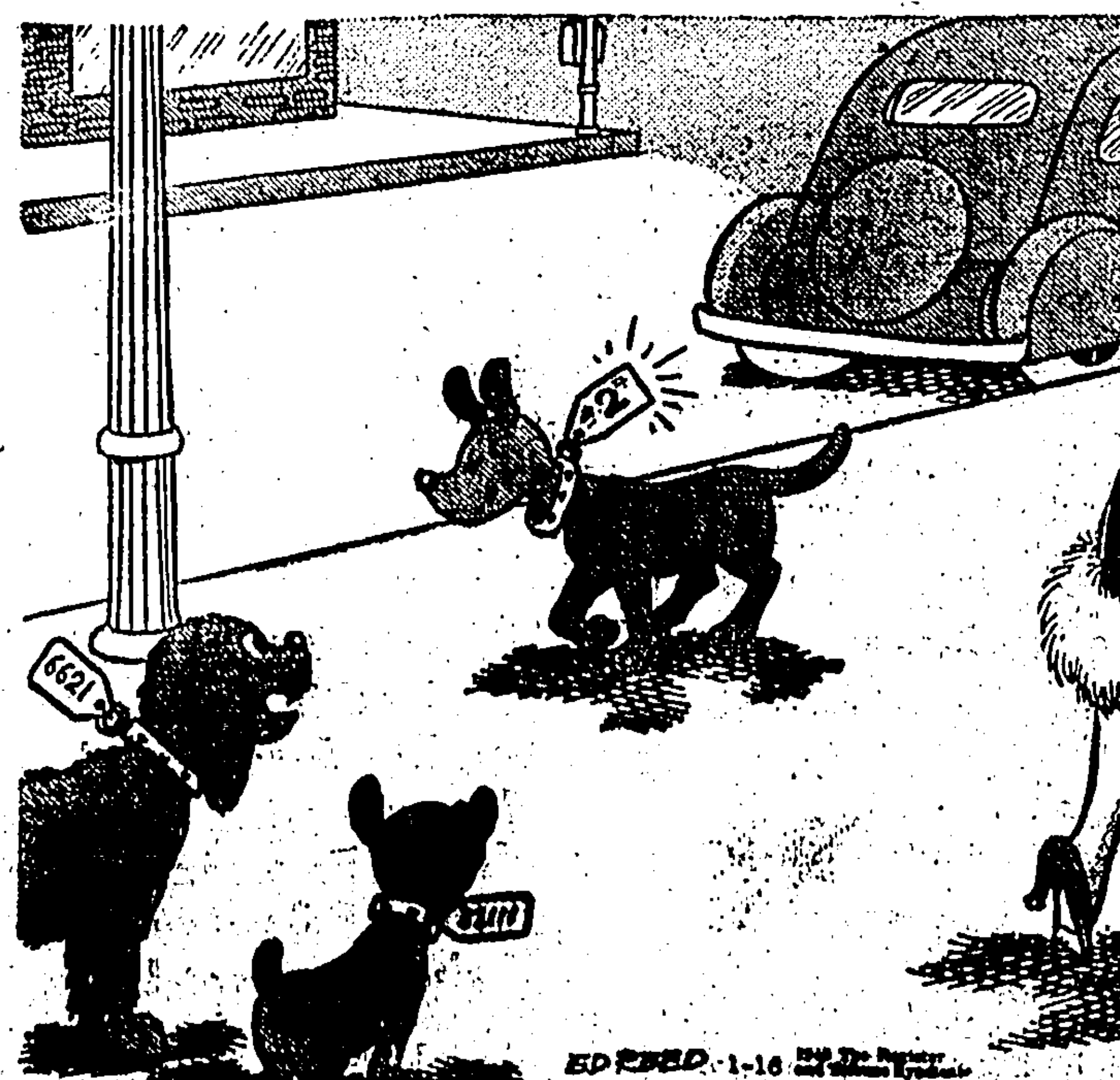
SIR PERCY LORRAINE AT THE PALACE

London, To-day.

Sir Percy Lorraine, British Ambassador at Rome, who is at present in London, was received by the King at Buckingham Palace last evening. — British Wireless.

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CONFERENCE ON BALKANS OPENS

London, To-day.

The British Ministers from the Balkan States and the Ambassadors from Italy, Russia and Turkey met at the Foreign Office for over three hours yesterday afternoon under the chairmanship of the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax.

The meeting got to grips with the co-ordinated policy of counteracting Germany's economic pressures in south-eastern Europe and the development of British trade.

It is understood the meeting will last at least a week and no official statement will be published until its termination. — Reuter.

ALLIED PATIENCE AT AN END: FURTHER ACTION MAY FOLLOW IF GERMANY MOVES

London, To-day.

FROM ALL REPORTS, German propaganda officials far outdo the Scandinavians in their indignation over the latest Allied move.

Here in London, semi-official circles comment that it suits Germany to maintain that article of international law regarding territorial waters. The rest of the laws—vis a vis naval warfare, for instance — does not suit them and they have ignored it in the hope of damaging British trade with Norway.

The Allies have every sympathy with the difficult position of Sweden and Norway. The new minefields are not directed against neutrals and every care is being taken to ensure that Norwegian ships are not prevented from reaching their own ports or any of the small villages along the coast.

The action is solely and entirely directed against Germany.

It is admitted that the minefields represent a technical breach of neutrality, but the rules of neutrality always rest on common acceptance. If one side persistently disregards them, it cannot claim that they should be complied with fully by the other.

That is what Germany is doing and has been doing for some time, semi-official London circles comment. The Allied Governments have watched Germany's brutal attacks on neutrals, attacks which have hit Norway harder than anyone else.

Patience At End

They have hoped that Norway herself would stop the Nazi outrages against her, but it has been made painfully clear that Norway cannot do so, and the Allies feel that they have been patient long enough.

German propagandists would have it that the Allies are threatening Scandinavia.

Nothing of the sort, and official Allied circles make it clear that neither Britain nor France are trying to extend the war to the northern countries.

A Warning

At the same time, it should be clearly understood that the Allies will act swiftly and decisively if Germany should take any military action directed against Scandinavia.

Similarly, the Allies have informed Norway and Sweden that they would not be indifferent to a Soviet advance across Scandinavia and would regard unfavourably any German promise to help Scandinavia against Russia. — Reuter.

Three Minefields

London, To-day.

Further details are now available concerning the Allied minefields off Norway.

The most southerly field is off Stadland, the most westerly point of Norway. The field runs out from the shore for a distance of six miles and covers an area of 45 square miles.

Seventy miles north-east, near Christiansund, is the second field. It runs some 10 to 11 miles out to sea and is 35 square miles in area.

Third, biggest and most important of all, is the field at the entrance to West Fjord, which contains the important port of Narvik, through which iron-ore shipments to Germany have been passing. The field is a narrow strip five miles wide and extending for 20 miles out to sea.

The field runs out from the Norwegian coast in a north-westerly direction, so as to enable ships to have a clear passage into the fjord but compelling them to pass outside Norwegian territorial waters to do so. — Reuter.

CRACK NAZI SQUADRON GIVEN HOT RECEPTION BY THE R.A.F.

London, To-day.

EIGHTEEN OR 20 MESSERSCHMIDT fighters were involved in Sunday's furious battle with a much smaller force of Hawker Hurricanes; the Nazi planes were of the single-engined 109 type, of which the wreckage of one, which was brought down at Boulay-Moselle, within a mile or two of the Maginot Line, has been found.

Another was seen to fall, apparently crippled, but no wreckage has been located within the Allied lines to confirm a definite "bag."

In recent actions, the twin-engined cannon-firing Messerschmidt 110 had been tried out.

GIVEN HOT RECEPTION

The change-back to the earlier, and less powerful Messerschmidt 109 is evidently a sequel to the hot reception the 110 was given.

Going at this stage of the war, can better afford to lose the mass-produced 109, of which he has plenty, than its more exclusive big

PITHY AMERICAN COMMENT

New York, To-day.

Only the defeat of Germany holds out any hope for any effective rule of international law, comments the "New York Herald Tribune."

If, in ensuring that defeat, the Allies strain the law the Nazis have so frequently broken it will be unfortunate, but no defender of international law can safely raise his voice against the Allies in this respect unless he is quite certain that they can win the war without it. — Reuter.

S.M.R. INVESTMENTS IN NORTH CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

DAIREN, TO-DAY.

AN INCREASE OF 110,000,000 YEN IS SHOWN IN THE SOUTH MANCHURIAN RAILWAY'S 1940 BUDGET WHICH AMOUNTS TO 469,000,000 YEN.

Last year the budget amounted to 359,000,000 Yen.

New appropriations will be invested chiefly in North China.

Appropriation has also been made for the development of coal and oil refining. — Havas.

CRIPPLING EFFECT OF ALLIED MOVE

Berlin, To-day.

The news of the Allied minefields in Norwegian waters was tucked away on inside pages in the Berlin afternoon press yesterday, and the papers instead published — "splashed" is the technical term — on their front pages a real Dr. Goebbels of a story about a dastardly British plot to blockade the Danube.

This is only one of the many signs showing that the Nazi Government realises what a blow the new measure will be.

It will stop iron-ore shipments through Norway and figures now available show how valuable that traffic was.

For over six months of the year, it is the only route for Scandinavian exports to Germany, for the Baltic ports are frozen.

Before the war, over one-third of Germany's imports came from countries from which she is now clearly cut off.

NARVIK CUT OFF

Of the rest, three-quarters came from Sweden and a small portion from Norway. Of these Scandinavian supplies, over 7,500,000 tons came from Narvik, Norway, in 1938. The other Baltic ports only handled 5,000,000 tons.

Germany is already short of iron-ore and the stoppage of the important shipments through Narvik means a very serious deficiency in supplies.

Also, ships with other goods have been able to evade the Allied contraband control by coming through Norwegian territorial waters, which also provided safe passage in and out for German warships and commerce raiders.

The new minefields mean that at least three points ships will have to come out of Norwegian waters within reach of the Royal Navy. — Reuter.

GETTING WORSE AND WORSE

BERGEN, TO-DAY.

A LEADING ARTICLE IN THE "MORHENAVISEN" ENTITLED "WORSE AND WORSE" STATES IT APPEARS THAT THE GERMAN BEHAVIOUR TO NEUTRAL SHIPS IS GETTING WORSE AND MUCH POINTS TO IT BEING A MERE CHANCE WHO IS BOMBED OR NOT BOMBED.

The article continues: "Again and again we have protested against such encroachments but it seems only to get worse, and at the same time it is demanded that our attitude to Germany shall remain just as friendly, but the Norwegian Government ought to let the German Government understand that we may be forced to revise the whole of our standpoint to Germany, including commerce and passage, if some arrangement is not arrived at which improves conditions." — Reuter.

PROPAGANDA WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Britain has decided to give wide publication to a map setting out plans for German expansion (already revealed) which the Czech authorities found in a search on Henlein's headquarters in 1938.

No less than 300,000 copies of the map will be placed in clubs, restaurants, hotels and other public places. — Havas.

IMPORTANT DAYS IN SHANGHAI HISTORY

Vital Elections Tomorrow And On Thursday

RIVAL CAMPS MAKE LAST-MINUTE APPEALS TO ELECTORS

Shanghai, To-day.
WITH POLLING TIME LESS than 24 hours away, public interest in the Shanghai Municipal Council elections — which may well decide the future of the Settlement — has reached an intense pitch.

The general feeling is expressed by the "North China Daily News," which comments that to-morrow and Thursday will probably be two important days in the history of the International Settlement.

The two opposing camps—the Anglo-Americans and the Japanese—are making last-minute appeals by press, radio and pamphlets.

The main question to be decided at the polls is whether the S.M.C. is to be ruled by a "status quo" Council or with five Japanese members on the governing body.

APPEAL TO BRITONS

The British election committee is now finishing off its campaign.

All British ratepayers have been circularised and asked to turn out in force to support the British and American candidates.

The American Association committee has taken similar steps.

ANGLO-AMERICAN CONFIDENCE
It is hoped to keep some sort of a check on Americans polling; those not voting to-morrow are to be communicated with and asked to vote on Thursday.

A fleet of cars is being organized to take to the polls those British and American voters not possessing their own means of transportation.

The leaders of the British and American communities are confident that there will be almost a 100 per cent turn-out of their nationals.

The Japanese election committee is also winding up its campaign.

"PERSUASION" REPORTS

Japanese will be allowed to have coaches at the polling stations to instruct the Japanese voters. Free transportation facilities will also be provided for the Japanese voters.

The election battle has thrown up many reports of "persuasion" being exercised on voters.

It is reported that squads of Japanese in plain clothes "invaded" Hongkew news-stands yesterday and seized all copies of the German refugee paper "Gelbpost."

EDITOR PROTESTS

It is stated that the order for the confiscation was apparently issued after the refugees' daily paper intimated in recent editions that the emigres should help the Occidentals to preserve the status quo on the S.M.C.

A. J. Storfer, editor and publisher of the "Gelbpost," has lodged a written protest with the Commissioner of Police.

RUSSIAN PAMPHLETS

It is also reported that pamphlets printed in Russian have been distributed among unemployed Russians, alleging that the British and American representatives on the Council ignored Russian interests.

The pamphlets demand that the Russians should not vote for "The S.M.C. Gentlemen" until Russians are allowed representation on the Council.

On the other hand, Japanese newspapers here report alleged cases of

disfranchisement of Japanese indirect rate-payers by re-investigation of their qualifications through the S.M.C. while British indirect tax-payers are qualified to vote without re-investigation.

THE BALKANS NEXT?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE ATTENTION OF THE WHOLE WORLD IS FOCUSED ON SCANDINAVIA, WHILE BRITISH DIPLOMACY CONTINUES TO PREPARE MEASURES FOR STOPPING THE ENEMY'S ECONOMIC EXPANSION IN THE BALKANS.

Yesterday morning, Lord Halifax conferred for more than three hours with the British envoys to south-east Europe, Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, being present.

Sir Percy Loraine, British Ambassador to Rome, was received by the King.—Havas.

SOONG SISTERS VISIT WOUNDED SOLDIERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Chungking, To-day.

The three Soong sisters yesterday visited the "Friends of Wounded Soldiers" Hospital, paying special attention to five Japanese soldiers, giving them packages identical to those received by the Chinese wounded.—Havas.

ALLIED CASE IS UNANSWERABLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.
Belgian politicians are much impressed by the firmness of the Allied attitude as a first sign that the war is entering on its active phase.

It is pointed out that legally the blockade measures remain open to discussion but that morally the Allied position is unanswerable.—Havas.

JAPANESE MOVES IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

COMMENTING ON THE JAPANESE ELECTORIAL CAMPAIGN IN THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT OF SHANGHAI, CHINESE QUARTERS STRESS THAT THIS IS NEW EVIDENCE OF THE JAPANESE AIM TO GAIN CONTROL OVER SHANGHAI.

This policy of the Japanese is in line with the general objects of the Japanese expansion on the continent of Asia which is the real meaning of the slogan "New Order in East Asia," that is, economy monopoly and exclusion of all foreign influence.

Reports that the Italians' and Spaniards' votes will support the Japanese do not cause any surprise in local quarters since Italy and Japan have pursued a common policy for three years while Spain merely follows Italy's lead.—Havas.

WRECKS OF GERMAN PLANES FOUND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

The wrecks of the five German planes shot down on Sunday have all been located on French territory; their crews are either dead or captured.

On Sunday, the second of two Nazi planes reported to have probably been shot down on April 1 was located. It was a Dornier-17 and was found in Belgium.—Havas.

JAPS. PLAY TRICKS ON THE ETHER

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING ALLEGED INTERFERENCE WITH THE BROADCASTS OF THE AMERICAN-OWNED RADIO STATION XMHK WERE MADE YESTERDAY BY MR. MONROE B. HALL, CONSUL ATTACHED TO THE POLITICAL AND PROTECTION SECTION OF THE U.S. CONSULATE-GENERAL, WHEN HE CALLED ON MR. Y. MIURA, JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL.

The visit was the result of a protest filed at the American Consulate on Saturday by Mr. L. H. Healey, station manager, and Mr. Carroll Alcott, news commentator, alleging that Japanese elements operating from Hongkew were causing interference.

Mr. Miura is reported to have promised that the Japanese authorities would investigate.

Interference with the station's programmes—especially the news broadcast—began on Saturday.

It is alleged that the interference is an effort to handicap the station's broadcasts in support of the British and American candidates for the Municipal elections, as opposed to the five Japanese candidates.—Reuter.

DUTCH TO CONTROL COMMODITIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Amsterdam, To-day.

The import and export of certain essential commodities will be severely controlled at the Netherlands border, an official communique declares, pointing out that the measures are taken in accordance with the Anglo-Dutch trade agreement of March 23.

Answering German allegations that the new measures are of services to the Allies, the communique points out that they are only taken to ensure a supply of essential commodities from abroad for the needs of the Dutch population itself.—Havas.

Ng Lai-sheung, 26, married woman, was treated at the Kowloon Hospital with injuries to her left leg, after being bitten by a dog owned by Mrs. Greenberg of No. 5, Hankow Road yesterday. The dog was removed to Mautaukok for observation.



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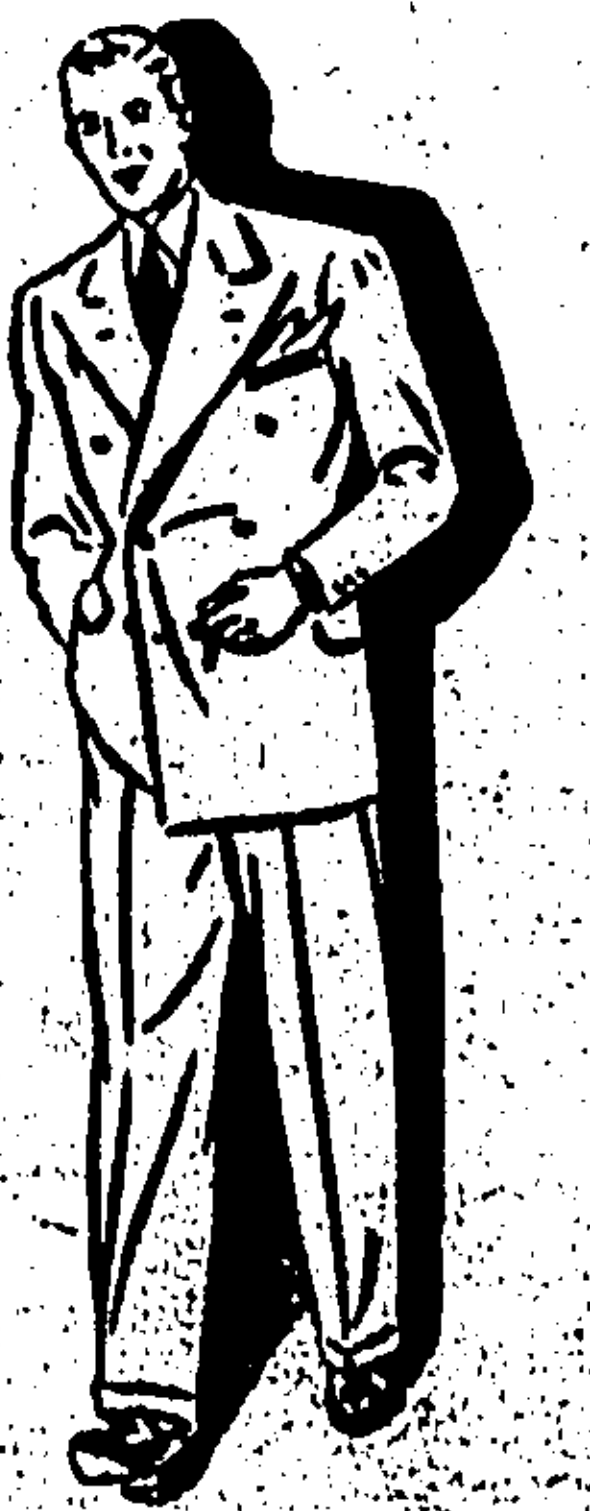
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DETAILS OF NORTH SEA AERIAL CLASHES

London, To-day.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE recent engagement over the North Sea between an aircraft of the R.A.F. Coastal Command and a German flying boat are now available; both machines were within twenty feet of the water throughout the fight.

The British aircraft, a Hudson, was on patrol when the pilot saw a dark grey Dornier at sea level. The British pilot attacked from the beam and opened the fight with three short bursts from his front gun.

The Dornier turned steeply to port but the Hudson swung to starboard to bring his rear gun into action. Two bursts were fired as the enemy came into the sight.

The German rear gunner replied with tracer bullets but his shots went wide.

The Hudson attacked again and the German's rear gun was silenced.

GUNS SILENT

The British pilot made five more attacks from the tail and there was still no reply from the German guns.

The Hudson climbed and came down from 2,000 feet upon the Dornier, flying 500 feet above the sea. Three bursts from the Hudson's front gun entered the Dornier's fuselage while the German rear gunner replied.

The Hudson pulled steeply to port out of its dive and circled to allow its rear gunner to fire several bursts which also got home in the enemy's fuselage. Then the British pilot dived once again upon the Dornier, scoring more hits with the front and rear guns.

But the Hudson was returning from a long patrol and the petrol began to run short. With a final burst from his gun the pilot broke off the combat and returned to his base with only enough petrol in his tank for two minutes of flying time.

WELLINGTONS IN ACTION

Latest reports of Sunday's air engagement over the North Sea show the enemy fighters concentrated their attack on a small section of Wellingtons flying some distance astern of the main British formation.

Four Messerschmitt 110 twin engine fighters engaged the British section at a height of 10,000 feet. Diving down from the clouds they made a series of attacks, concentrating their fire on two Wellingtons at the rear. It was these two aircraft which failed to return from the action.

Flying in close defensive formation the two British bombers fought back on their faster opponents and early in the engagement one enemy aircraft was seen to go down in flames. Its destruction was confirmed by observers in two of the British aircraft.

Other enemy fighters are known to have been damaged and a second Messerschmitt is also believed to have been destroyed.—British Wireless.

JOACHIM TO DO A FADE-OUT?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
London, To-day.

According to the "Daily Herald" Herr von Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, may soon resign and retire altogether from diplomatic life.

He fell ill shortly after his interview with the Pope and is at present under the care of an eminent heart specialist.

Herr von Mackensen, German Ambassador to Rome, is likely to be his successor.

Ribbentrop's retirement may also be due to his failure in recent diplomatic missions.—Havas.

STEP FULLY JUSTIFIED

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE NORWEGIAN MINISTER WAS RECEIVED BY LORD HALIFAX AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. M. COLBAN WAS NOT THE BEARER OF THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT'S PROTEST WHICH WAS THE SUBJECT OF A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN OSLO IN THE AFTERNOON.

The Protest will no doubt be conveyed through the British Minister in Oslo.

The communique refers to the Anglo-Norwegian war trade agreement and suggests the Allied action contravenes the provision therein for the maintenance of trade exchanges between Norway and Germany.

In the agreement, however, the British Government formally reserved all belligerent rights and specially reserved the right to intercept contraband in accordance therewith.

Allied mining of Norwegian territorial waters is a measure taken under interpretation of belligerent rights given in the Allied statement and, as explained therein, is fully justified by Germany's persistent and constantly aggravated violation of the rules of war and the dictates of humanity.—British Wireless.

NAZIS READY TO BEGIN OPEN WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

"GERMANY IS READY TO PUT AN END TO THE WAR AT SEA AND TO BEGIN OPEN WARFARE," CLAIMS THE COLOGNE NEWSPAPER "KOLNISCHE VOLKSZEITUNG."

It was not until 2 p.m. yesterday (9 p.m. Hong Kong time) that the German radio came out with the news of the latest Allied move in the north. The legal reasons given by the Allies for the measure were not mentioned.—Havas.

TOMBS UNCOVERED IN SZECHUEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

Two so far unknown Han tombs were accidentally located on the north bank of the Chia Liang River by a party of Chungking residents during a stroll.

At the village of Pei Shan Chiao the party found, off the roadside, where some excavation had been undertaken for building purposes, a number of old bricks bearing characters "Fu Kwei" and "Chang Ling" which, according to archaeologists, indicate the Han Dynasty or Gin.—Havas.

AIR SERVICES STILL CARRYING ON

London, To-day.

It is revealed in London that in spite of the war 13 British air services are regularly running to Egypt and back every fortnight carrying mail. Ten are by flying boat and three by landplane.—British Wireless.

German Fleet Leaves Its Funk-Holes

NAZI TRANSPORT SUNK OFF NORWAY

BRITISH NAVY SINKS THREE ENEMY VESSELS: DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN NORTH

LONDON, TO-DAY.

DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING THE EMERGENCE FROM THEIR FUNK-HOLES OF THE GERMAN FLEET AND THE SINKING BY THE ROYAL NAVY OF THREE NAZI SHIPS, INCLUDING A TRANSPORT, FOLLOWED THE LAYING OF THREE MINEFIELDS BY THE ALLIED NAVIES IN NORWEGIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS YESTERDAY MORNING.

It has been confirmed that between 90 and 100 German warships were sighted in the morning steaming north in the Kattegat and the Great Belt; they included several large warships in addition to heavy cruisers, auxiliary craft and armed trawlers.

Big warships were sighted in the morning off Bud, on the west coast of Norway, south of Trondheim, according to Norwegian press reports.

Big warships were also seen from Hustadvika, just north of Bud, where five steamers stopped to fuel.

It is reported from Bodoe, in north-west Norway, that ordinary coastal traffic was seen proceeding northwards in the Kattegat yesterday.

In London, it is stated that if it should be a fact that, at long last, part of the Nazi fleet is at last venturing out, the Royal Navy will be delighted at the prospect of closing with them in action.

Transport Sunk

The Royal Navy struck three blows at the Nazis off Norway yesterday.

First victim was the German military transport, Rio de Janeiro, which had 300 men on board; she was torpedoed near Christiansand, on the south coast of Norway, with the loss of 150 lives.

Survivors of the transport (according to an Oslo message) state she was torpedoed by one of two British submarines four sea miles from the Norwegian coast.

It is reported that 80 horses perished in addition to 150 men.

Crowds flocked to the quayside of Lillesand when the rescued Germans, some of whom were wounded and wrapped in blankets, were brought ashore and taken away in motorcars.

Hitherto 10 bodies have been brought ashore.

Big Tanker Torpedoed

Second Nazi victim yesterday was the tanker Posidonia, which was torpedoed off the Rauer Islands, at the mouth of Oslo Fiord, according to Norwegian customs officials who witnessed the incident from the shore.

The entire crew was rescued by a Norwegian torpedo-boat.

The Posidonia, a tanker of 12,000 tons, was stopped after a warning shot was fired by a British submarine off Rauer Island.

When the crew of 56 had left in lifeboats, the Posidonia was torpedoed.

The men all reached the Norwegian coast without assistance, except the captain, who was taken prisoner by the submarine.

The Posidonia was outward bound from Germany.

Third Success

The name of the third German vessel to be sunk by the Royal Navy

yesterday is as yet unknown.

She was sunk by gunfire off Lillesand, (according to a Christian-sand message), and some wounded German seamen were brought ashore. — Reuter.

NAVY ACTIVE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

A British naval squadron is now operating in the Mediterranean, checking imports of bauxite (aluminium ore) from certain Yugoslavian ports to Germany.—Havas.

NORWAY TO SWEEP UP MINEFIELD ?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Norwegian minesweepers have already begun the work of ridding Norwegian territorial waters of mines, according to a report from Norway.—Havas.

NAZI RAID ON SCAPA

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AN ADMIRALTY AND AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE SAYS "ENEMY AIRCRAFT CARRIED OUT AN ATTACK ON SCAPA FLOW LAST EVENING WITHOUT DOING ANY DAMAGE.

"It is certain that at least one enemy aircraft was brought down by our fighters."

It is now learned that only one German plane was seen over the Shetlands yesterday, apparently engaged on reconnaissance.

Anti-aircraft guns were in action but no bombs were dropped.—Reuter.

AIR FORCE ACTIVE ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communique said no important incident had occurred on the front in the course of the day.

There was activity of both air forces during the morning.—Reuter.

PREMIER TO MAKE STATEMENT

London, To-day.

Reuter learns that Mr. Chamberlain will make a statement in the House of Commons to-day (Tuesday) regarding the Allied laying of mines in Norwegian waters.—Reuter.

MIRS BAY VILLAGE BOMBED

At least five persons were killed and eight wounded yesterday morning when a Japanese plane dropped seven bombs around Sha-ue-chung, terminus of the Taipo-Sha-ue-chung Ferry Service, the "China Mail" learns officially to-day.

Eight wounded were brought to Hong Kong yesterday and were admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Messages reported to have originated from Chinese military quarters at Waichow, confirm that 11 Japanese warships, an aircraft carrier and a number of armed trawlers are assembled in Bias Bay, though no landing has yet been attempted.

VILLAGE BOMBED

Shortly after 8.30 a.m. yesterday a Japanese plane flew over Sha-ue-chung.

One bomb was dropped on the beach, killing a fisherman and demolishing several huts.

Four bombs were dropped in the village causing the death of four villagers, destroying some houses and wounded eight people.

On the beach of Kai-chung, west of Sha-ue-chung two bombs were dropped but no damage was caused in that area.

According to other reports received from the border to-day, it is said that seven persons were killed, among whom were three women.

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WHAT WILL WIN THE WAR

The differences between this war and the war of 1914-1918 are many and noticeable. But there is one major difference the significance of which has still to be fully grasped.

It concerns man-power. For this is not a war, as I see it, in which shortage of man-power is likely to contribute to the final result. In the last war, exhaustion of man-power was one of the decisive factors.

In the last war Germany was engaged on two fronts. The Allies, committed to a number of secondary campaigns in addition to their main struggle, were neither of them able to replace the terrific wastage of men.

Their armies dwindled in numbers. The physical standard of new recruits was lowered. American intervention then became a decisive factor.

In this war the available resources of man-power on both sides are great. The theatre of war is severely limited. Initial losses have been small. There seems little prospect of numerical strength being exhausted by a process of attrition.

Attrition of material resources and attrition of will power are more likely to prove decisive factors.

What does this mean? It means that the war will be won by the side which works hardest and so produces more, and by the side which fights best.

Quantity of production and quality of will and spirit will be decisive.

The question will be asked, to what extent will shortage of men become a factor if new theatres of war are opened?

Before I try to answer that, let me discuss what the actual man-power position is to-day.

It is not easy to arrive at any accurate comparison of the numerical strength of the opposing armies.

Of the mobilizable man-power in each case, one cannot say how many will be embodied in the Armies, in the Air Forces, in the Navies and in internal security services, or how many will be required for munition or food production and other essential duties.

The numerical strength of the Armies must also be affected by the number of men who have received military training, and by the armament and equipment each country possesses.

FRANCE'S SOURCE OF STRENGTH

France, for instance, having never abandoned conscription, possesses a trained man-power, she is therefore in a position to utilize her full mobilizable quota.

Armament may limit the number of men she can put in the field. But her reserves of trained men are a great source of strength and she has been able to allow some 1,000,000 of trained men, for the time being at least, to return to industrial work.

Germany, on the other hand, has called up only five annual classes of conscripts to add to the 300,000 trained men of which her army consisted in 1934.

No doubt she has taken steps to train many of the men who escaped conscription, but the number it has been possible to train has probably been limited by the number of instructors available.

One cannot tell, either, for what

numbers she has been able to accumulate armament.

It is probably far short of the requirements of the 300 Divisions which she hoped eventually to produce when she started to expand her Armies.

At the beginning of the war she was not credited with more than 120 Divisions, plus garrison troops; say about 2,000,000 trained men.

Expansion of the British Army, which started so much later, obviously

By

Major-General Sir Charles Gwynn.

is affected by the same factors, lack of training personnel and of equipment.

The expansion of the Air Force, and the requirements of reserved occupations, also make heavy calls on annual classes as they are registered.

Still, the actual number of men under arms in the Army is now highly satisfactory, and is steadily increasing on a system which ensures adequate training.

THE DOMINIONS' CONTRIBUTION

The contingents contributed by the Dominions are of special importance because they are definite accessions to our fighting strength of exceptional quality, and are subject to no deductions after their arrival.

The very great contribution that the Dominions make towards munition production, food and raw material supplies are over and above their contributions to our man-power in the theatre of war.

TWO POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS

There are obviously two possibilities which might lead to the opening of new theatres of operation and affect the value of numerical strength.

(a) The intervention of Russia or other nation at present non-belligerent on the side of Germany. This would throw a greater strain on the numerical resources of the Allies.

(b) Further acts of aggression by Germany against neutrals whom the Allies would be bound to assist.

In that case further strain would be placed on the resources of both sides, but the resources of the neutral state attacked would be an accession to allied strength.

DUTCHMAN FINED

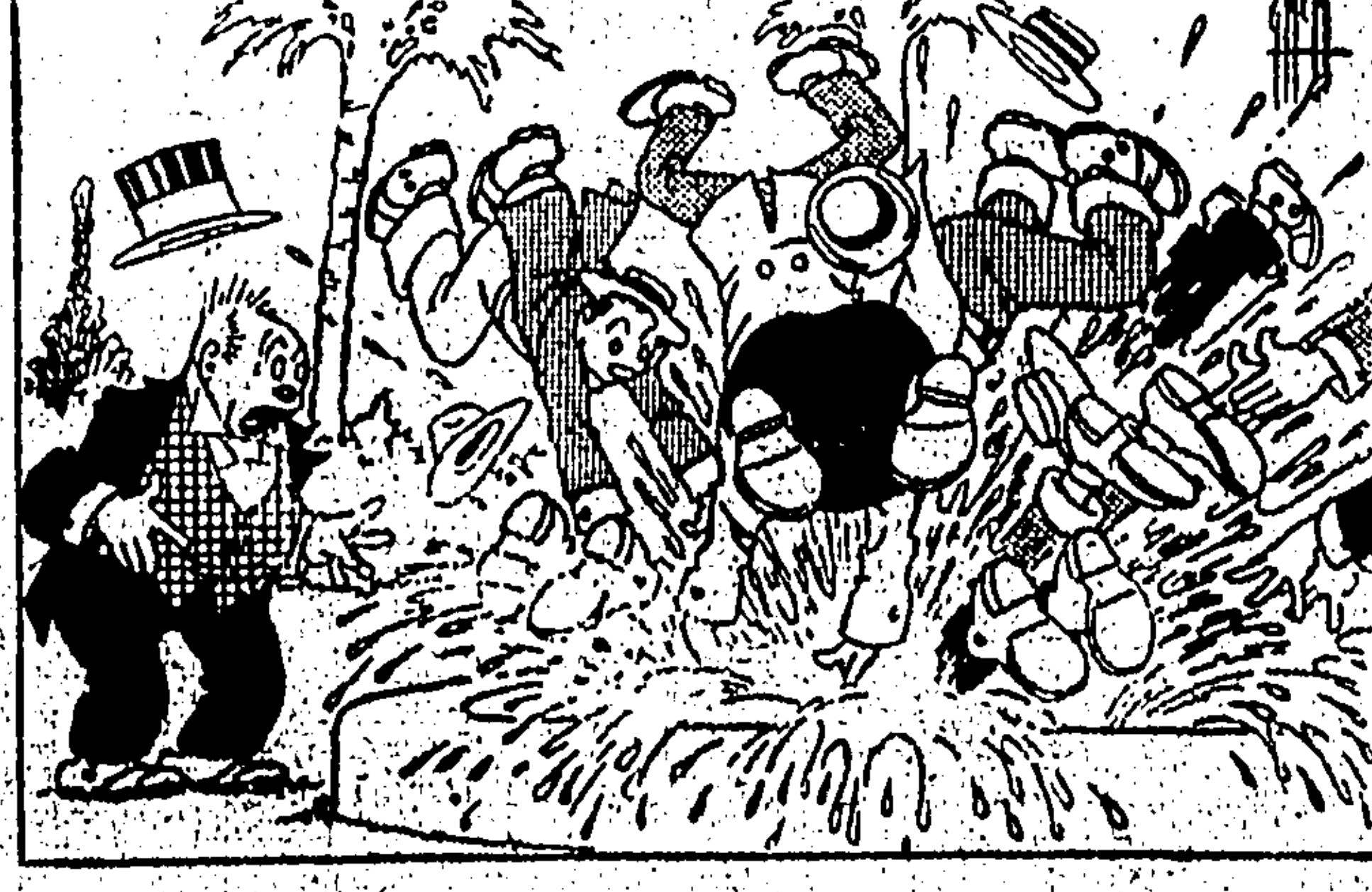
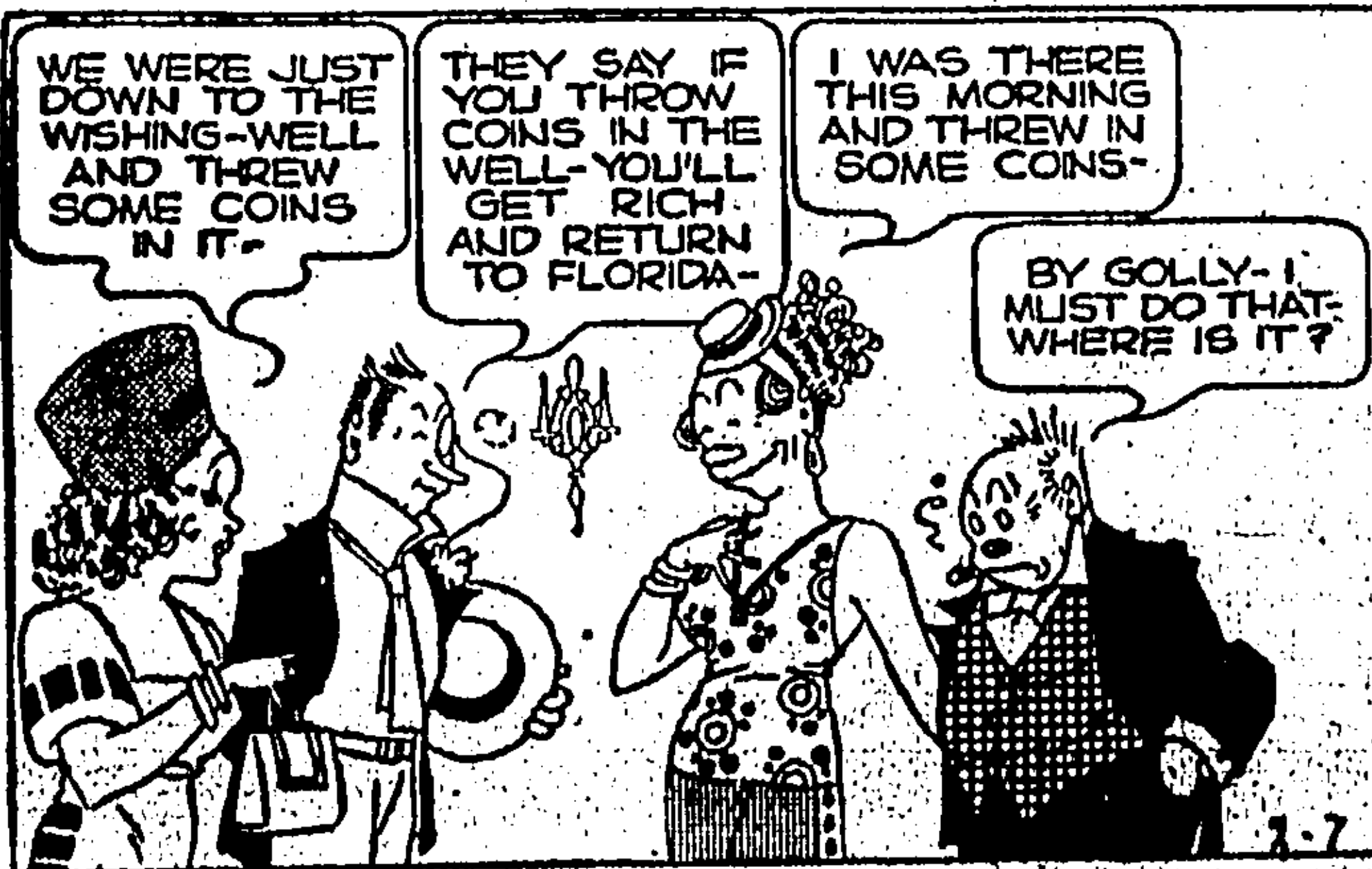
A 43-year-old Dutch merchant, Pieter Poulos Dobbe, residing at the Arlington Hotel, Kowloon, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy with failing to report change of address on April 4.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$10.

On a similar charge, Hendriena Van Laer, 25, spinster of the same address was also fined \$10.

Detective Sergeant J. Headridge conducted the prosecution.

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

CHINA'S REAL SORROW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
New York, To-day.

In an editorial entitled "China's Sorrow," the "New York Times" points out that "two news items tell the story of the misfortunes of China."

The "Times" referred to the announcement of the formation of Wang Ching-wel's cabinet and to the appeal from Consul-General Gauss in Shanghai to the American people "to help to meet a desperate food shortage in China."

"It is hard to decide which of these two dispatches is more shocking," the editorial continues. "In both, the helpless masses of the Chinese people appear as the victims of ambition and intrigue. Both the Japanese and the renegade Chinese have spent a vast number of words and made countless gestures to build up a 'face' for Mr. Wang's. Mr. Wang's 'face' is thoroughly harmonious with the Japanese policy, as expressed more than two years ago, of respecting the territorial integrity and sovereignty of China, as well as the rights and interests of other powers in China." By calling Mr. Wang's government Chinese, Japan assumed to respect Chinese integrity and sovereignty. By inviting the Western nations to recognise Wang and deal with him, she holds out the hope that any rights and interests they may have that are not inconsistent with Japanese interests, may be preserved.

"Mr. Wang's new allies," the newspaper continues, "have been a more deadly plague than any sickness, famine or flood. They, and not the Yellow River, are 'China's Sorrow.'"

In conclusion, the editorial states that there remains one way in which an individual American can intervene: "He can contribute to the Red Cross or to the Church Committee for Relief in China, with the full assurance that he will be saving the lives of helpless and innocent Chinese civilians." — Havas.

ANSWER THAT, GOEBBELS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE MINING OPERATIONS JUST CARRIED OUT OFF NORWAY BY THE ALLIES MAY GIVE MUCH FOOD FOR THOUGHT TO THE GERMANS AS TO THE VALUE OF THEIR PROPAGANDA, OFFICIAL CIRCLES HERE COMMENT.

For several months now, Dr. Goebbels has been claiming that the German Navy had become absolute master of the North Sea and neighbouring waters.

The Allied ships, however, could lay down the minefields, announcing beforehand in what areas they would be operating.

The whole operation was carried out with maximum speed and precision by the Allies Navies, working in perfect co-operation. — Havas.

TARZAN LATEST PROVES A HIT

According to information received by the local distributors, the M.G.M. film "Tarzan Finds a Son" not only smashed all box office records in Shanghai but also in Singapore, Malaya and Japan. The film is to open to-morrow at the Queen's Theatre and a day later at the Albamra for a simultaneous showing.

"The manner in which this picture is breaking box office records makes it seem fairly safe in predicting that it will probably create an all-time record throughout the entire Far East," the local M.G.M. manager informed the "China Mail" this morning.

SERIOUS EFFECT ON GERMANY

London, To-day.

The British naval action yesterday, which will interfere with supplies reaching German from northern ports, lends special interest to figures relating to Germany's imports of iron ore published yesterday.

Nearly twenty two million tons of this important raw material, having about 50 per cent. iron content, was imported into the old Reich in 1938, and of this total about nine and three-quarter million tons came from countries to which Germany has ceased to have access immediately war broke out. Of the remaining 12 million tons nearly 9 million tons, with an iron content of over 5 million tons, came from Sweden, the remainder being divided amongst Luxembourg, Norway, Greece and Switzerland.

In 1938, Swedish iron ore exports totalled 12.6 million tons and therefore her exports to Germany consisted of approximately three-quarters of her total export of iron ore.

This mineral was mainly transmitted through three ports—Narvik alone taking 7.6 million tons.

Since these 1938 figures have been published, Czecho-Slovakia and Poland have been annexed by the Nazis and therefore Swedish iron ore exports to these countries must be taken into consideration in assessing the degree of German defence upon this source of supply.

SUBSTANTIAL LOSS

In 1938, Czecho-Slovakia took 798,000 tons and Poland 126,000 tons, mainly exported through Narvik.

Being cut off since the beginning of war from nearly half her requirement, the Reich now depends increasingly on Swedish supplies, and the removal of Narvik, by forcing all supplies available to come through insufficiently equipped Baltic ports, represents a further substantial net loss to Germany of a commodity in which she is already seriously deficient. — British Wireless.

THE LION AWAKES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

"TO-DAY THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS MAKE PERHAPS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PRONOUNCEMENT OF THE WAR," SAYS THE EVENING STANDARD, COMMENTING ON THE MINING OF NORWEGIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS.

The Standard continues: "Britain requires only that technicalities of the law should not provide a case for bestial depredations."

Under the heading "The Lion Awakes" the Evening News says the decision is bold but necessary.

"No doubt there will be frenzied and baffled rage in Berlin. Hands stained in blood and treachery will be lifted in gestures of sanctimonious horror" but "the nations of the world will see that the British lion has awakened at last and awakened with a welcome roar. To-day they will know we have the strength and the will to use our overwhelming seapower for the restoration of order and reason in Europe."

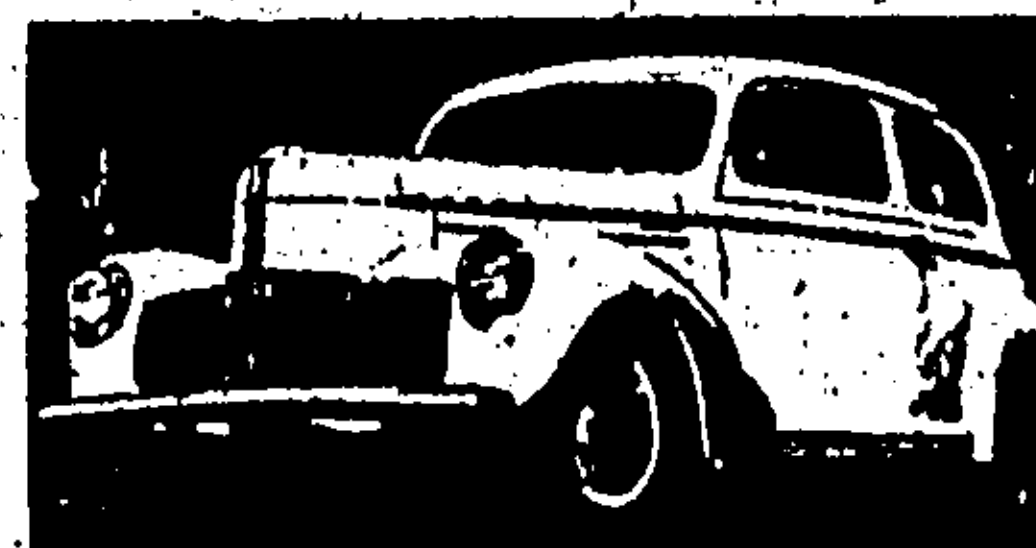
WRITING ON THE WALL

The Star says: "To the German leaders and the German people it is a plain warning that if we move slowly we move surely towards our goal. It blows to smithereens the claim made in Germany that Germany rules the North Sea. For us it is an inevitable action. For Germany it is the writing on the wall." — British Wireless.

Mr. Varwani of Messrs. Ramchand, 28, Queen's Road Central, has reported that a typewriter, and a quantity of jewellery was stolen some time last night.

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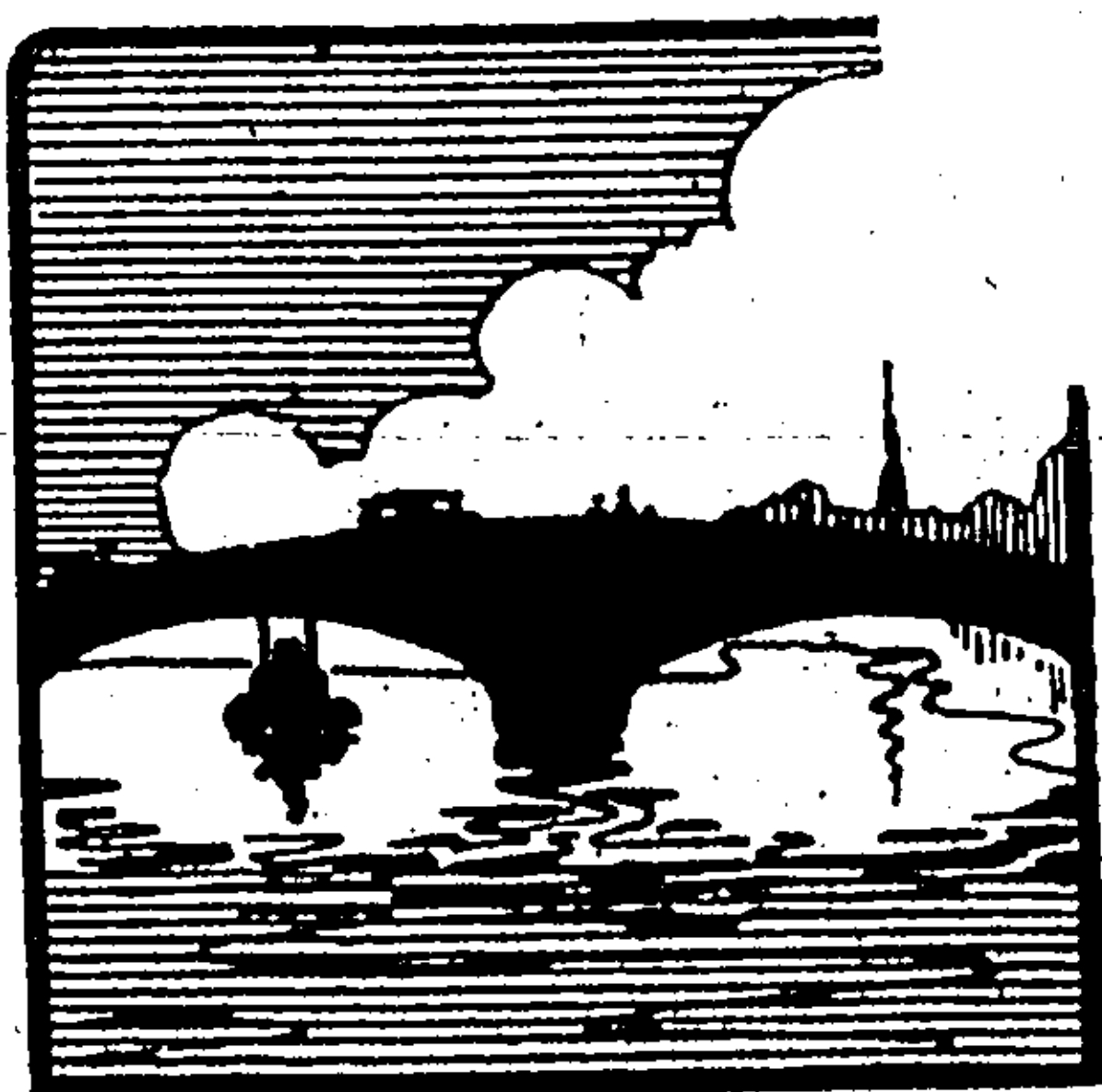


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MURDER ON HIGH SEAS COULD NOT BE TOLERATED

London, To-day.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE Allied laying of mines in Norwegian territorial waters it is relevant to note that it becomes apparent, both from German action on the sea and from the statement of those controlling Nazi policy, that Germany had no intention from the very outset of the present war of following rules relating to the treatment of neutral shipping to which she herself subscribed in the protocol of 1936.

In the prize regulations issued on August 28, 1939, in direct contradiction of the well-recognised principle that neutral ships must not be sunk unless guilty of an unneutral service, provision was made for the destruction of neutral vessel if it was "expedient" to bring it in.

As late as January 25 the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," in inspired articles, laid down hypothetical circumstances in which, in the Nazi view, neutral vessels would lay themselves open to hostile action.

In fact the Nazis did not follow the rules thus laid down by themselves because, by the end of December, eighty neutral ships had been sunk by U-boats, mostly in circumstances taking them outside even the very wide interpretation of their own rules.

UNPRECEDENTED BRUTALITY

But, following this pronouncement, Nazi words were rapidly caught up Nazi deeds, for on February 17 the German Admiralty instructed U-boat commanders to sink neutral vessels which, "to judge from the course would have to put into a British port" without further inquiry. These instructions seem to have culminated in the unprecedented brutality accompanying the sinking of the Norwegian ship Navarra and the machine-gunning of the passenger ship Mira.

Taken on the most conservative estimate and not including vessels which are unreported, except for failure to return to port, the German unrestricted warfare at sea has accounted for 164 neutral ships and 1318 neutral lives.

These ships were not guilty of "un-neutral service." Only three of the ships sunk were in convoy.

FRUITLESS PROTESTS

If the object is to prevent goods reaching Britain, the words of the Swedish Foreign Minister on February 21 show the failure of this action.

"If the chief aim of the intensified war at sea," M. Gunther said,

"is to prevent deliveries to belligerents, this aim has been reached only as far as a sixth of the numbers of vessels sunk is concerned."

Protests by the neutrals affected produced no results—Norway lodged eight protests but the sinkings continued. Sweden protested four times but fishermen were still attacked. Scandinavian papers voiced the protests of the Norwegian and Swedish peoples.

The Sjoefgarts Tidende on February 7 said: "We must defend ourselves against warfare which is worse than the ill-famed Barbary States terror in the Mediterranean. If British convoys offer increased security we must choose them. If something can be achieved by arming our ships we must do it."

REPLY TO CRIMES

On the same day the Aftenposten said:

"The Norwegian people have hitherto remained silent to German brutality because they wanted to see if what happened was the result of war accidents and not wilful atrocities. They now no longer doubt that these actions are deliberate and their people are reacting against the brutality and are demanding that protests be made. The Norwegian Government must unmask the culprit. Neutrality does not mean silence when one's own countrymen are outrageously massacred."

It is clear therefore that many Norwegians and Swedes share the British feeling on this sinking of neutral vessels, many of which were trading between neutral ports at the time of destruction.

This murder on the high seas, while the Nazis themselves take full advantage of the letter of international law, could no longer be tolerated. They will not be slow to grasp that it is in reply to the repeated crimes against humanity, well in-keeping with Nazi policy on land, sea and air, that yesterday's Allied action was taken.—British Wireless.

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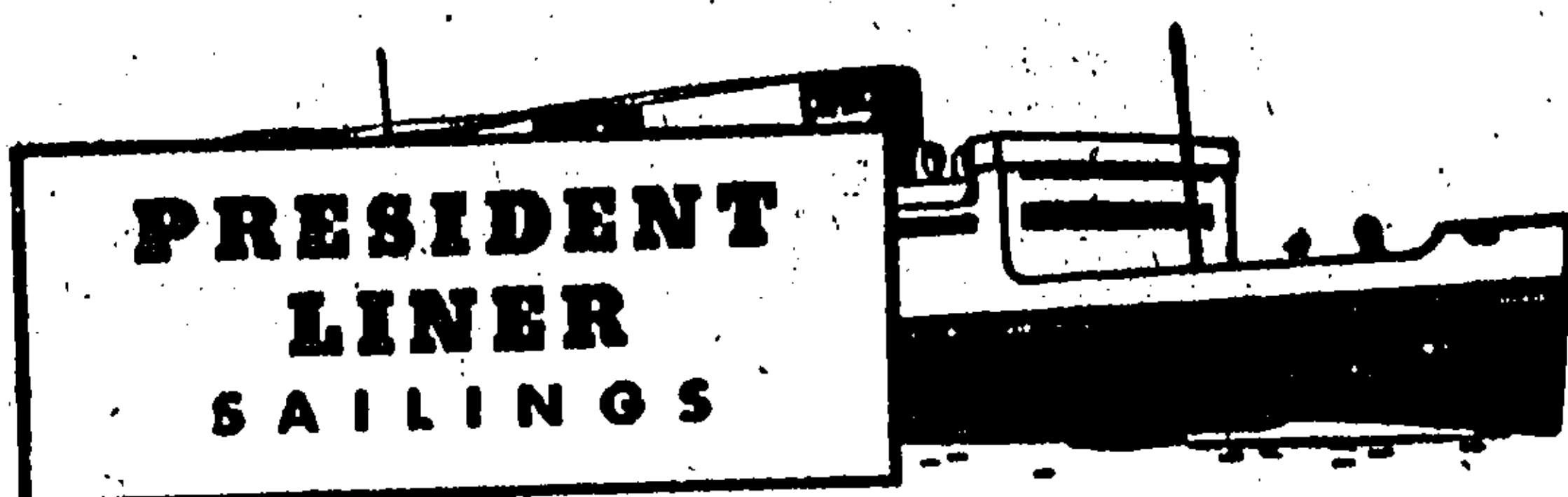
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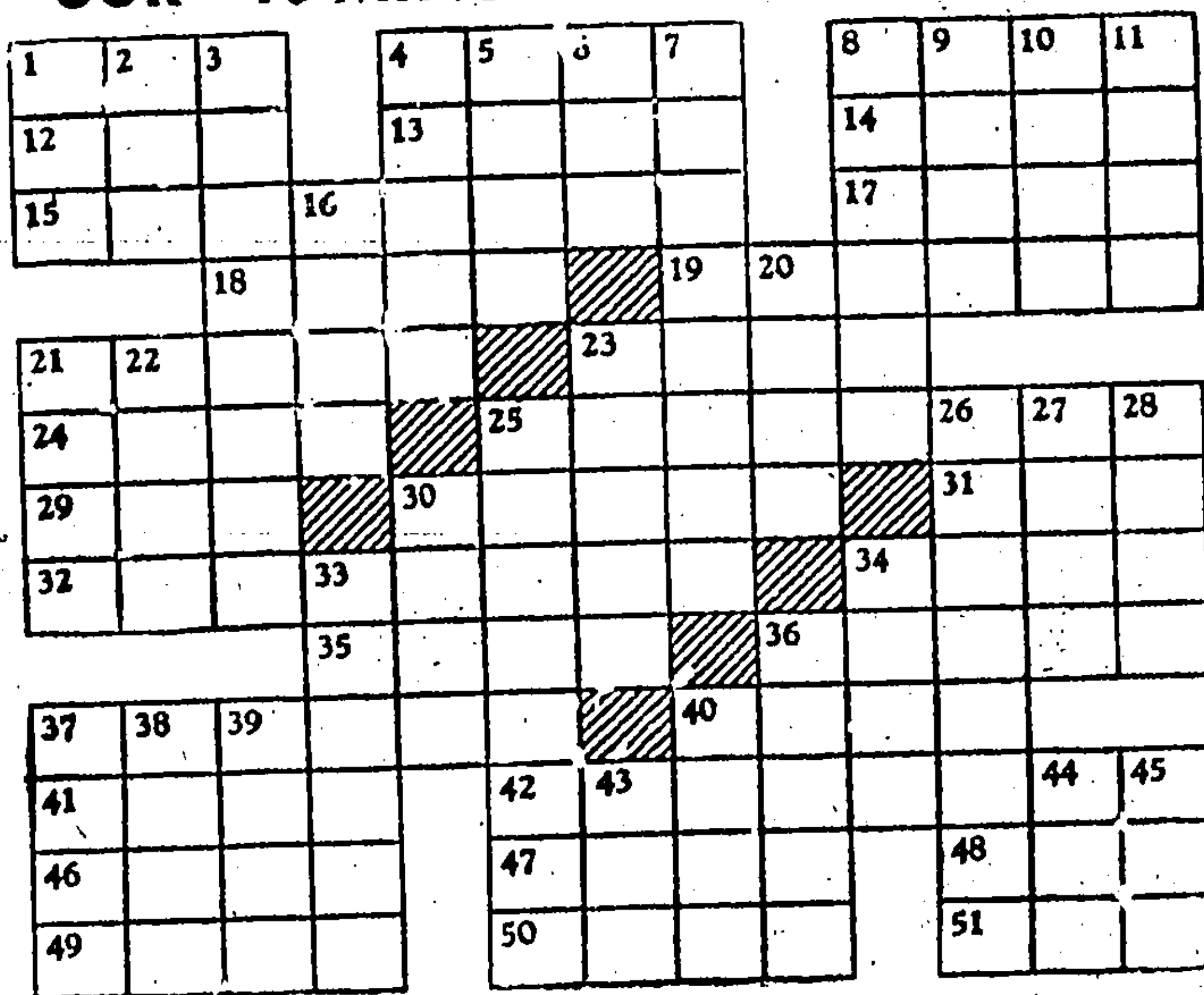
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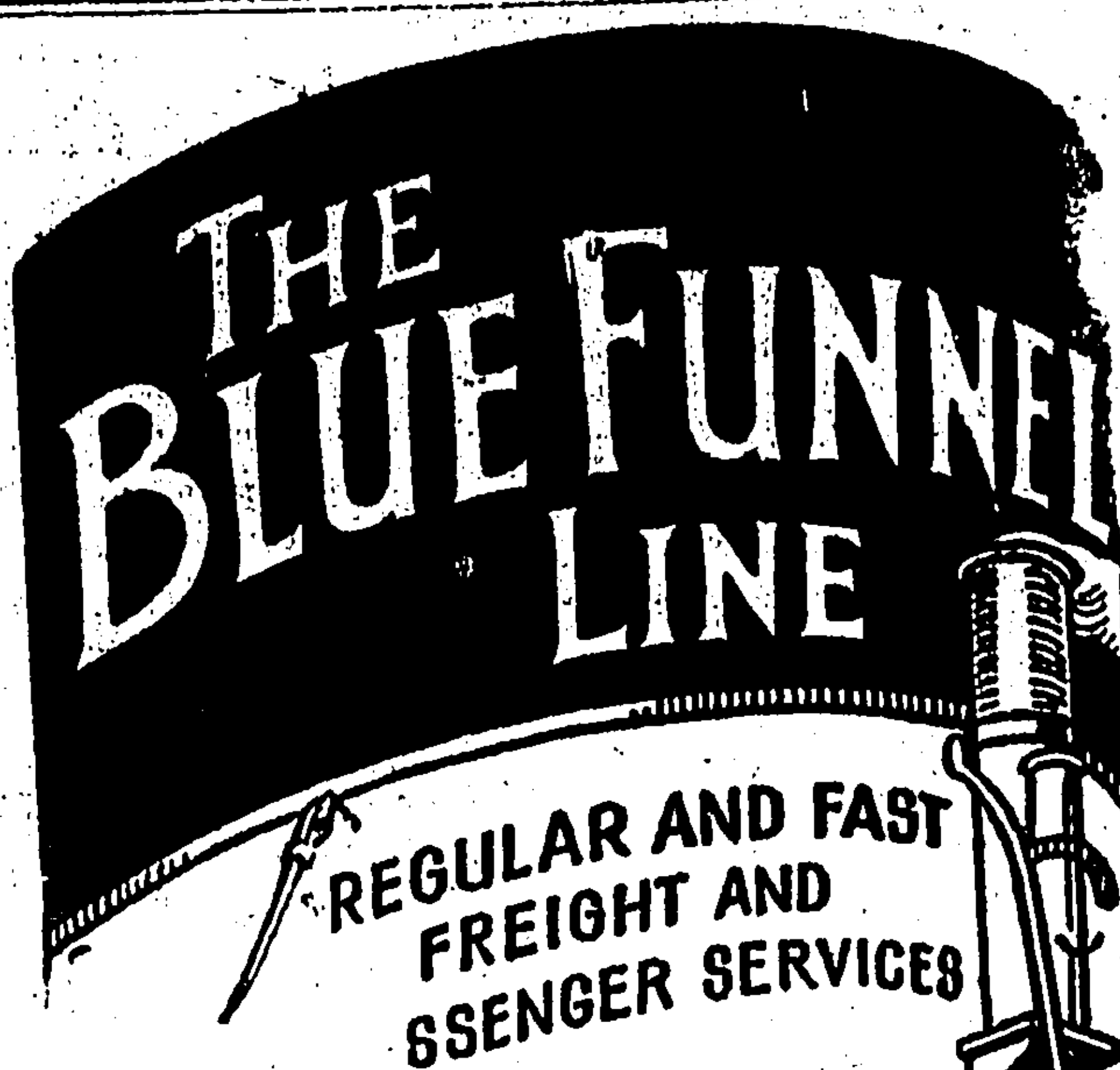
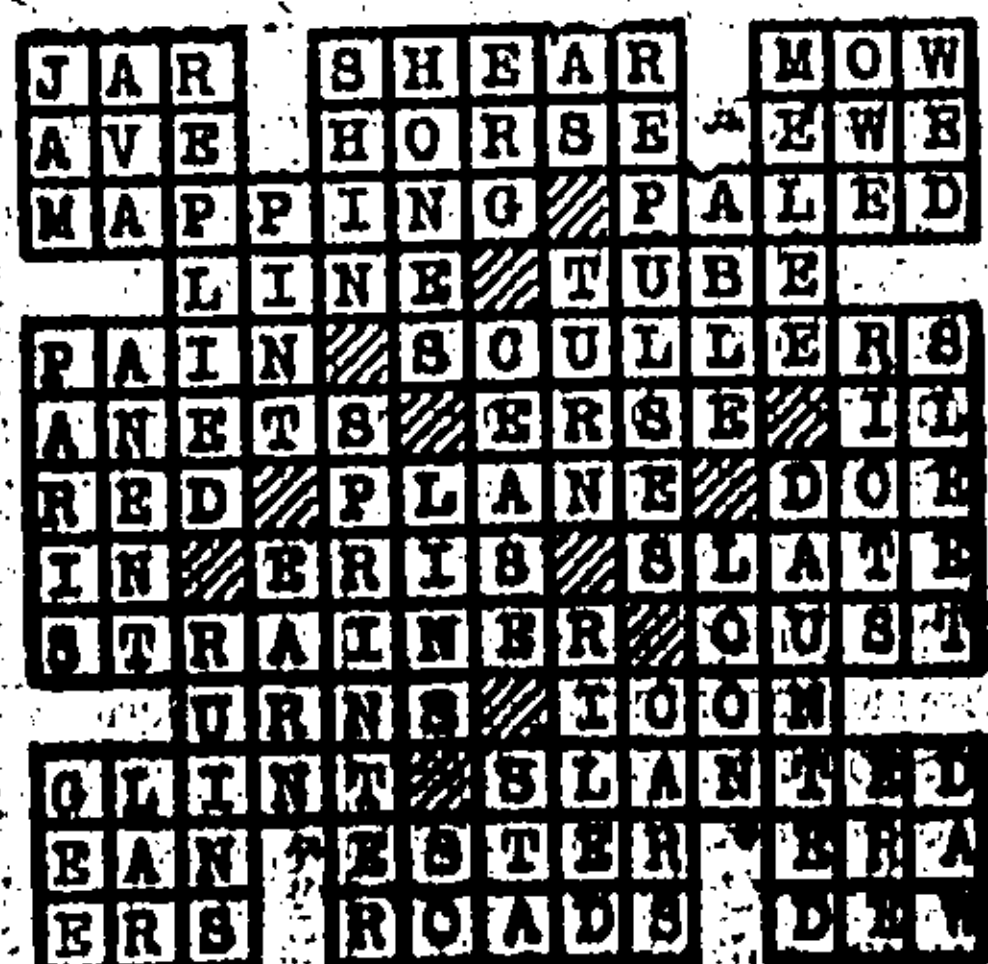
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- 1 Dance step
- 4 Sharp blow
- 8 Pointed rod
- 12 French coin
- 13 Tropical arum plant
- 14 Competent
- 15 Likenesses
- 17 Girl's name
- 18 Rosy
- 19 Sea demigod
- 21 Leather strap
- 23 Female ruffs
- 24 Facility
- 25 Guides
- 29 Prior to
- 30 Barely audible
- 31 Wreath
- 32 Pillages
- 34 To utter needlessly
- 35 Brings forth
- 36 Commodities
- 37 Broad scarfs
- 40 Poetic; formerly
- 41 To breathe heavily
- 42 Taken into custody

VERTICAL

- 1 Through
- 2 High card
- 3 Presumes
- 4 To pierce
- 5 Deficiency
- 6 Greek goddess
- 7 Private entrances
- 8 Dazzling
- 9 Death notice
- 10 Tenor violin
- 11 Executive officer
- 16 Thin rope
- 20 Remainder
- 21 Placed on a mound
- 22 Rabbit
- 23 Fence posts
- 25 Principal said of vessel
- 26 Apportioned
- 27 Precede
- 28 Rests
- 30 Young horse
- 33 Alloy
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DOGS OUT WITHOUT MUZZLES

Summoned before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning, Mr. J. E. Noronha, of Victory Avenue, Homuntin, was fined \$16 for allowing his two dogs to wander in the Avenue without being muzzled and for keeping the dogs without licences on March 17.

A fine of \$5 each was imposed on Mr. Berruex, of Somerset Road, and Miss Chan, of Grampian Road, for allowing their dogs to wander in the public place without a muzzle or on a lead.

STOLE FROM PRIEST

Chan Ming, 45, unemployed, was ordered to be expelled from the Colony as a destitute by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he was convicted on a charge of larceny at Jubilee Street yesterday. It was alleged that defendant was seen removing a clock from private car No. 5825, the property of Brother Gregory of the "Rosary Hill," Stubbs Road. Chan was given a dollar from the poor box for his expenses.

A meeting of the Emergency Committee of Hong Kong Football Association will be held on Thursday to inquire into the alleged ungentlemanly conduct of Ulrich in wilfully kicking the ball, with all his might, into a crowd of spectators during the Kowloon-Eastern game recently.

H.K.F.C. LAWN BOWLS TEAM

First match in the Valley Cup lawn bowls competition will be played on Saturday between Hong Kong Football Club and Civil Service Cricket Club, at Craigengower Cricket Club starting at 3.30 p.m.

Following will represent Football Club:—

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Green Opening

Hong Kong Football Club will open their bowling green with a Wapinshaw competition next Tuesday at 5.15 p.m.

Rink practices will be held each Tuesday evening from April 18 onward.

TO-DAY'S SOCCER

St. Joseph's are meeting South China "B" in their postponed First division football game this afternoon at Caroline Hill at 5.15 p.m.



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EWO BEER

YVONNE YOLLE SENIOR VICTRIX LUDORUM

A large number of spectators were present yesterday morning at the annual athletic meet of the French Convent, held on the Queen's College ground at Causeway Bay, by kind permission of the acting Headmaster, Mr. M. G. O'Connor.

Yvonne Yolle, with 22 1/2 points, won the Senior Victrix Ludorum, while the Junior Victrix Ludorum was shared by Theresa Roza and Sophie Hardeen.

The Rev. R. W. Gallagher, S. J., Headmaster of Wah Yan College, distributed the prizes.

The results were:

Kindergarten 50 Yards. Boys:—1, Charlie Erwin; 2, Luz Noronha. Girls:—1, Sophie Hau; 2, Audrey Brook.

Junior 50 Yards:—1, Sophie Hardeen; 2, Therese Noronha; 3, Colette Yolle.

Kindergarten Potato Race. Boys:—1, Maurice Ward; 2, Luz Noronha. Girls:—1, Ada Chan; 2, Audrey Brook.

Junior 100 Yards:—1, Therese Roza; 2, Sophie Hardeen; 3, Fay Chao.

Senior 100 Yards:—1, Yvonne Yolle; 2, Paula Chan; 3, Connie Lau.

Kindergarten Egg and Spoon Race. Boys:—1, Maurice Ward; 2, Luz Noronha. Girls:—1, Skinner Curreen; 2, Katy Lam.

Junior Long Jump:—1, Therese Roza; 2, Nancy Kwa; 3, Sophie Hardeen. Distance: 12 ft., 4 ins.

Senior High Jump:—1, Yvonne Yolle; 2, Jacqueline Anderson; 3, Paula Chan. Distance: 13 ft., 9 ins.

Junior High Jump:—1, Therese Roza; 2, S. Hardeen; 3, Doreen Leonard. Height: 3 ft., 10 ins.

Senior High Jump:—1, Yvonne Yolle; 2, Connie Lau; 3, Paula Chan. Height: 4 ft., 1 in.

Kindergarten Rolling The Hoop. Boys:—1, Charlie Erwin; 2, Robert Long. Girls:—1, Dolly Tan; 2, Lily Hau.

Senior 220 Yards:—1, Yvonne Yolle; 2, Connie Lau; 3, Jamalee Curreen.

Kindergarten Skipping. Boys:—1, Maurice Ward; 2, Luz Noronha. Girls:—1, Audrey Brook; 2, Amina Curreen.

Junior Skipping:—1, Sophie Hardeen; 2, Mabel Swaine; 3, Helen Chiu.

Kindergarten Crawling. Boys:—1, Raymond Nguyen; 2, Jim Hau. Girls:—1, Lily Hau; 2, Audrey Brook.

Games Captains' Race:—1, Jamalee Curreen.

Junior Netball Goal-Throw:—1, Fay Chao (17 goals); 2, Mabel Swaine; 3, C. Nguyen.

Senior Netball Goal-Throw:—1, Jamalee Curreen (19 goals); 2, Eliza Lam; 3, Diana Hardeen.

Prefects' Race:—1, Jamalee Curreen.

Junior Hockey Dribble:—1, Fanny Quan; 2, Sophie Hardeen; 3, Therese Roza.

Senior Hockey Dribble:—1, Therese Noronha; 2, Lena Luongo; 3, Jeanne Yolle.

Old Girls' Race:—1, Miss Isabel Reid.

Junior Softball Throw:—1, Fay Chao; 2, Mabel Swaine; 3, Therese Roza. Distance: 102 ft., 11 ins.

Senior Softball Throw:—1, Therese Noronha; 2, Jacqueline Anderson; 3, Yvonne Yolle. Distance: 147 ft., 2 ins.

Guests Race:—1, Miss Irene Castilho.

Junior 3-Legged Race:—1, Helen Chiu and Pauline Lim; 2, Sophie Hardeen and Colette Yolle; 3, Therese Roza and Mabel Swaine.

Senior 3-Legged Race:—1, Paula Chan and Lena Luongo; 2, Yvonne Yolle and Therese Noronha; 3, Pauline Strange and Jamalee Curreen.

Sisters and Staff Race:—1, Sister Henri and Miss J. Choa.

Senior Bicycle Race:—1, Guelde Lee; 2, Doreen To; 3, Jeanne Yolle.

Junior Blindfold Race:—1, C. Nguyen; 2, Mabel Swaine; 3, Therese Roza.

Junior Class Relay:—Class 7. Senior Class Relay:—Class 2.

Tug-of-War:—Class 3.

Junior Victrix Ludorum:—Sophie Hardeen and Therese Roza (21 1/2 points); runner-up, Mabel Swaine (12 1/2 points).

Senior Victrix Ludorum:—Yvonne Yolle (22 1/2 points); runner-up, Therese Noronha (11 1/2 points).

Inter-Class Netball Tournament:—Class 2.

KING AND QUEEN AT ALDERSHOT

London, To-day.

The King yesterday inspected militiamen at Aldershot who had been recommended for commissions from the ranks.

At the same time the Queen inspected two Canadian regiments, one being the Toronto Scottish, of which the Queen is Colonel-in-Chief. Her Majesty recalled to the Colonel that she had presented new colours to the regiment in Toronto during the Royal Tour of Canada eleven months ago. — British Wireless.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, the 10th. April, 1940, commencing at 11.00 a.m.

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DISPUTE BETWEEN SISTERS

The property dispute between two sisters, both claiming to be Leung Mei-ha, over a house at No. 13 Nga Tsin Long Road was continued this morning at the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Plaintiff, who called herself Leung Mei-ha, asked the Court for a declaration that she is the owner of New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2351 (13 Nga Tsin Long Road) and an order for her younger sister, Leung Shiu-fan, alias Leung Mei-ha, to return the Crown Lease and other documents in connection with the property. Declaration that the property belonged to her.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, appeared for plaintiff, and defendant was represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Woo and Woo.

Plaintiff, recalled, said that her sister, defendant, instructed her to sign the promissory note and that she had signed it Chan Mei-ha so that it would have no connection with her property.

Cheung Sam-mui, a sewing amah, said that she had been working in Singapore and England for a number of years. She knew plaintiff as Leung Mei-ha and had advanced her \$2,000 with which she was to purchase a house. Of this \$2,000 loan the sum of \$1,500 had been paid up.

In reply to Mr. Potter witness said that she had more money than that, when she returned from Singapore. She had known plaintiff when young and it was she (plaintiff) who first paid her passage to Singapore. She trusted plaintiff and so lent her the money soon after her arrival. In reply to Mr. Potter, she said that she did not like mortgages as it caused too much trouble. As far as she knew plaintiff was called Leung Mei-ha and not Chan Mei-ha.

Tam Fung, an amah, employed by plaintiff said that in August 1938 she was still working for plaintiff. Her mistress went to Indo-China for a while and returned with defendant and her son. Shown a title deed she recalled seeing a similar paper on a table some time ago. The two sisters were present and she heard Leung Shui-fan ask to see the title deeds and they were given to her by plaintiff. Later Leung Shu-fan was asked by plaintiff if she had finished with the papers, and there was a quarrel over them. Case is proceeding.

FOREIGNERS IN TRAFFIC CASES

Mrs. E. Kella, of Mody House, who pleaded guilty through a representative, was fined \$8 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when summoned for driving at 28 m.p.h. through Nathan Road controlled area.

Mr. V. Chirikoff, of the Dairy Farm, Pokfulam, was cautioned for sounding the car's horn in the silent area in the prohibited hours.

TRIAD CHARGE AGAINST POLICEMAN

A member of the Hong Kong Police Force, Lam Muk, attached to the Water Police Station, was alleged to be a member of a "Triad Society."

He was charged before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning and remanded for one week at the request of Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey.

FRENCH MOVE AGAINST COMMUNISTS

Paris, To-day. The police have arrested five alleged ring-leaders, accused of organising Communist propaganda in the industrial area in northern Paris.

The police assert that the men were taking orders from the Third International.

Twelve others were arrested elsewhere in France.—Reuter.

ARGYLE ST. AMBUSH

Before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning, Tung Sul-wing, 19, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment for unlawful possession of a dagger.

Sergeant Morrison stated that police, on information, set an ambush in Argyle Street, near Mongkok Market, at 7 p.m. on last Friday.

One hour later accused and others, about ten altogether, turned up and were surrounded. The dagger was found concealed in accused's girdle as well as five hammers picked up near the pavement.

The rest of the gang made their escape but accused was arrested.

After enquiries the police established that a free-for-all fight would have taken place there that night between two parties of gangs.

Miss Webblock of No. 142, Nathan Road, has reported that while she was walking in Nathan Road yesterday, an unknown Chinese snatched her handbag and contents valued at \$107.

NAZIS CLOSE THE DUTCH FRONTIER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day. Apparently fearing espionage, the German authorities have practically closed the German-Dutch border.

German visas are granted only in exceptional cases and even German women, married to Dutch subjects, cannot visit their relatives in Germany.

The few Dutch workmen employed in Germany are being closely watched.

Eye-witnesses report that many people try to talk to their relatives standing on the other side of the border near the frontier posts, but the Nazi Storm Troops put an end to such conversations. — Havas.



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PORK DE-RATIONED

London, To-day. The Ministry of Food announces that pork will be de-rationed temporarily, as from to-day.—Reuter.

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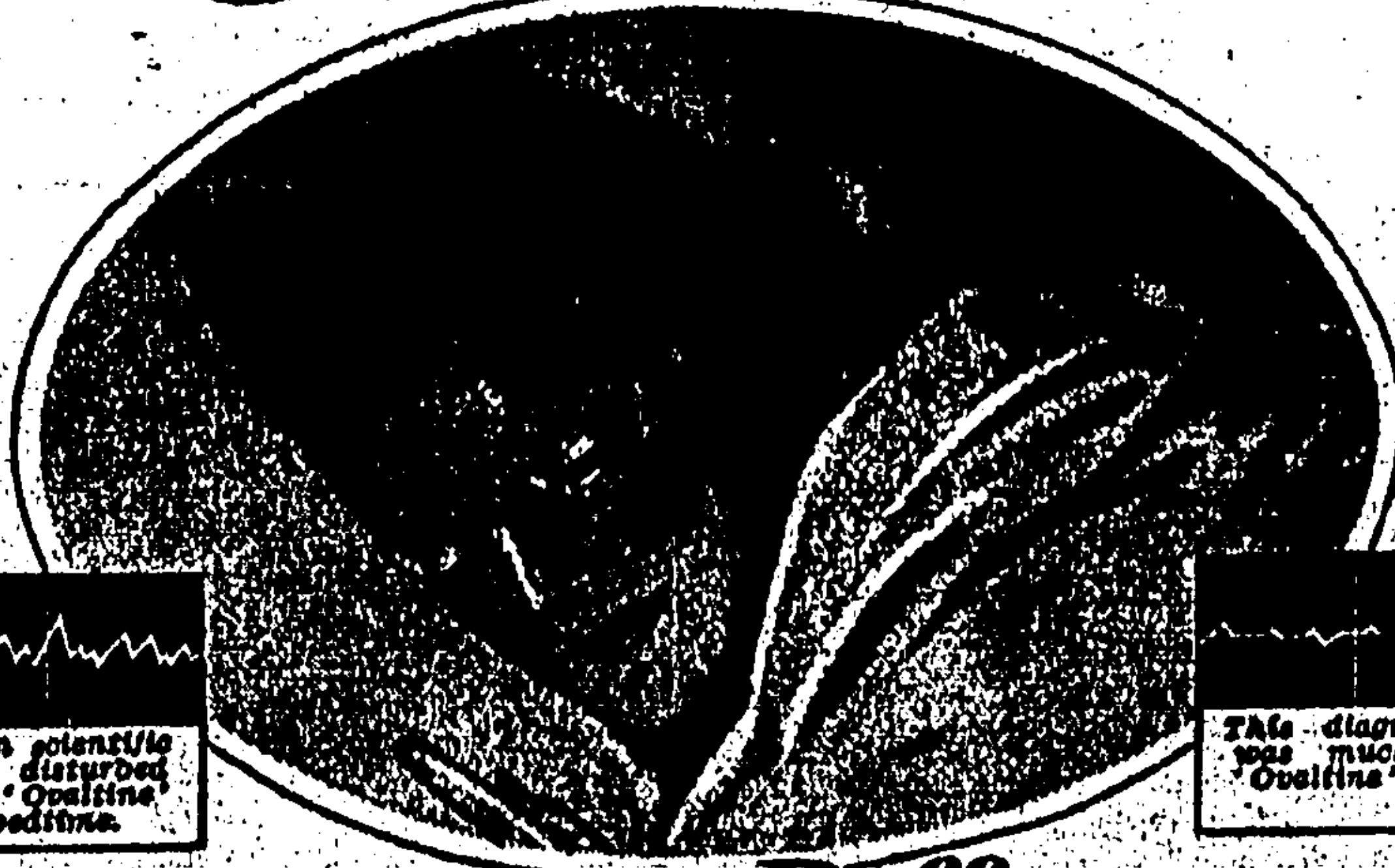
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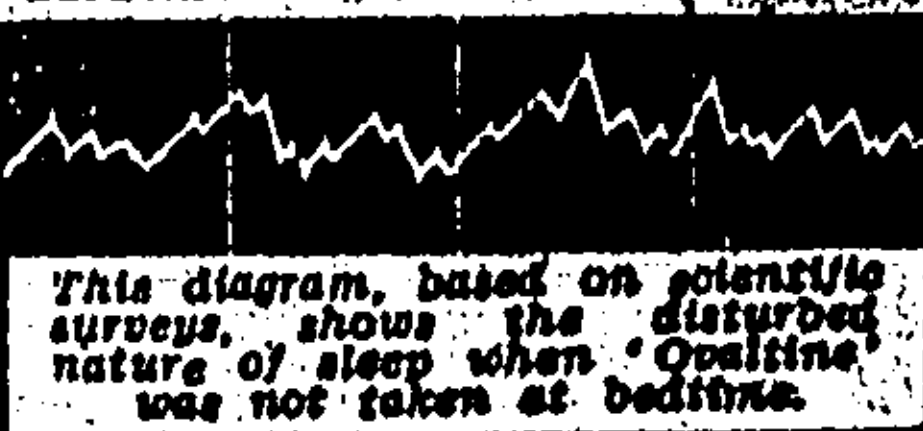
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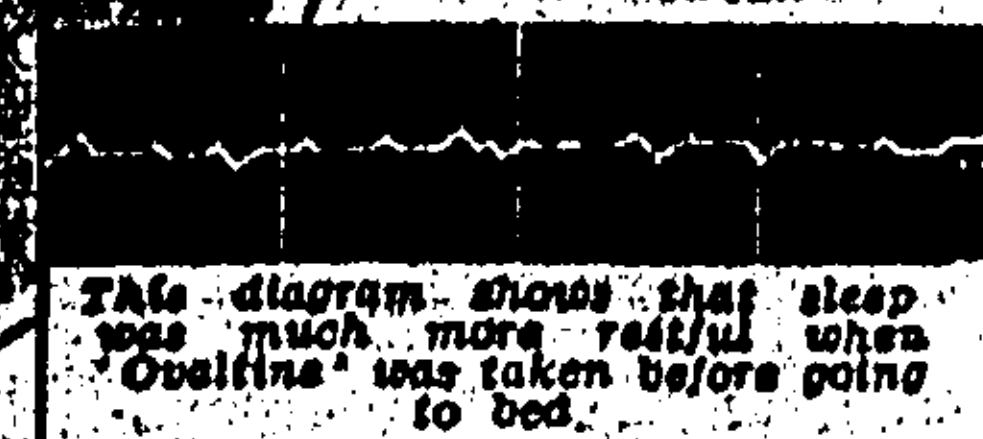
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8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Light Orchestral with Charles Kullman (Tenor).
8.30 p.m.—Glazounow — Scenes De Ballet, Op. 52. New Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eugene Goossens.
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To-day's Wireless

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9.52 Megacycles

(Kastalsky)...conducted by Serge Jaroff. Unaccompanied.
9.03 p.m.—Sergei Rachmaninoff at the Piano.
Polka De W. R. (Rachmaninoff); "Midsummer Night's Dream"—Scherzo (Mendelssohn, arr. Rachmaninoff); The Harmonious Blacksmith (Handel).
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Cards on the Table".
9.45 p.m.—Dellus—"Hassan" Serenade.

Viola Solo by Lionel Tertis with George Reeves at the Piano.
9.49 p.m.—Tchaikowsky — Aurora's Wedding—Ballet Music. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Efrem Kurtz.

10.15 p.m.—Compositions of Grieg. Sonata in C Minor, Op. 45... Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin).
Solveig's Song (from "Peer Gyn")... Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Holberg Suite, Op. 40... London String Orchestra cond. by Walter Goehr.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

"Cards
On The
Table"

K.C.C. 1ST XI TO MEET THE REST

Kowloon Cricket Club, senior League cricket champions, will meet "A" team representative of "The Rest" at K.C.C. on Saturday.

Following will represent "The Rest." J. E. Richardson, T. V. N. Fortescue and A. E. Perry (Civil Service), A. R. Minu and K. Nazarin (I.R.C.), E. L. Gosano and L. G. Gosano (Recrelo), Sgt. Denyer and Sgt. Webb (Army), A. R. H. Esmail (C.C.C.), and W. S. Gegg (University).

Following will represent K.C.C.—D. J. N. Anderson (capt.), E. F. Fincher, R. E. Lee, N. D. Lloyd, N. A. E. Mackay, D. Hung, A. Zimmern, W. L. Rapley, F. J. Lay, G. C. Burnett and T. A. Madar. Twelfth Man—B. D. Lay.

A photograph of the K.C.C. team will be taken during the tea-interval.

MIRS BAY BOMB CASUALTIES

A Hong Kong Chinese was wounded yesterday during the air raid on Sha-ue-chung by a Japanese plane, it was disclosed today when the authorities announced that two of the injured are in a serious condition in the Queen Mary Hospital.

They are Chiu Hoi, 25, of No. 508, Nathan Road, Kowloon, and Yip Shing, of Sha-ue-chung. They were admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital at 5.15 p.m. yesterday.

WEEK-END GOLF RESULTS

The following were the results of the Second Round of the match play stages Adamson Cup played at the Valley.

G. E. Willerton (12) beat S. T. Butlin (12) 4 and 2;
F. Buckle (12) beat G. W. Reeve (13) at the 20th hole;
H. Smith (9) beat G. Davies (10) 4 and 3;
W. W. C. Shewan (7) beat D. S. Edward (3) 4 and 3.

CAPTAIN'S CUP

The captain's Cup qualifying Competition for April at Fanling, over the old course, was won by A. B. Purves 80-10=70. There were 25 entries. With seven entries over the new course J. W. Clague won with the score of 86-20=66.

HONOLULU CLIPPER RECORD

Pan-American Airways' giant Flying Boat, the "Honolulu Clipper," set a speed record yesterday on her scheduled flight between Hong Kong and Manila.

After leaving Kowloon at 7.43 a.m., the big Flying Boat, carrying 30 people, landed smoothly at Manila at 11.43 a.m., taking exactly four hours to negotiate the 750 miles separating the two cities.

BRINGS NOTHING NEW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

Chinese official circles refuse to comment on the speech of Mr. Arita, Japanese Foreign Minister, as "it brings nothing new." — Havas.

Winning CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

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AMAZING—BUT TRUE

We happened to be kibitzing a Duplicate game in which the majority of the players were just about average when the hand below was dealt. The first player we watched happened to be the club champion and he proceeded to make a Small Slam on the bidding shown. Out of curiosity we followed the hand around the room, and our amazement at every other table South, who was always Declarer, lost a trump trick. Quite a few pairs contracted for a Slam, but it seemed that no one except the club champion knew the correct way of handling the trump suit.

Duplicate Bridge
South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ K Q 8 6
♥ 5
♦ Q 7 4
♣ K Q J 3 2
♠ J 10 4 2
♥ Q J 10 8
♦ J 5
♣ 10 7 6
N
E
W
S
♠ 9 8 7 4 2
♥ 10 9 8 3
♦ A 9 8 5
♣ A 9 7 5 3
♥ A K 6
♦ A K 8 2
♣ 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Possibly carelessness or overconfidence had something to do with it, but several players, when asked, admitted that they didn't know how to handle this combination. We explained the correct play as follows:

The only possibility of losing a trick is if one opponent holds all four trumps. If they are all in the East hand, nothing can be

done about it—a trick must be lost. But if, as was the case, they are all in West's hand, both trump honours can be captured. The play should be made from the hand containing the single honour—in this case the Ace. After playing the Ace a low spade should be played and West would naturally split his honours. Then re-enter the South hand and lead another spade. Now a second finesse will capture the other honour.

We are curious to know whether any of the players involved will ever make this same mistake again.

Yesterday, as Oswald Jacoby's partner, you held:

♠ 10
♥ A Q x x
♦ K Q 10 x
♣ K J 10 x

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Maier	Jacoby
1♠	Dbt.	Pass	Pass
Pass			

What was your correct lead?

ANSWER: Lead the spade ten. Since partner has left in your double, he should have strong trumps. Your trump lead will help to prevent Declarer from ruffing other suits and winning tricks with his small trumps. Score 100% for spade ten, 70% for diamond King, 0 for any other lead.

QUESTION NO. 379

You are Merwin Maier's partner and hold:

♠ 9 x x x
♥ A x x
♦ x x
♣ A 10 x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	Maier	Schenken	You
Pass	1♠	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SOFTBALL NOTES

BIGGEST INTERNATIONAL UPSET THIS SEASON

Johnny Alvares Loses Fine Record

SPLENDID DISPLAY BY INDIA TEAM

(By "GRANDSTAND")

JOHNNY ALVARES, who pitched Recreio Aces to another Men's Championship this season with a clean slate, suffered his first defeat, by a local team, when India surprisingly nosed out Portugal, 5-4, in the semi-final of the International series on Sunday.

This is the third, and the biggest upset in the series thus far this season. The bookies favoured Portugal 10 to 1 to down the Indians but even with these odds no business was done, except by optimistic A.M. "Sunburn" Omar, who guzzled ten beers off my good friend Willie!

When the Indians faced the Portuguese they were meeting a bunch of softball bruisers, who had played together all season, and who would check their forward surge. That was the confident expression of opinion among the Portuguese supporters, but it was not destined to be thus and the sons of Portugal succumbed to the persuasive power of their opponent, helped by some "anting-anting" the Indians were carrying in their pockets. No doubt India were somewhat lucky to nose out the Portuguese, as the score-book shows Portugal made one more hit than the Indians' four and India miscued five times to Portugal's four. India, however, made all their four hits count for runs except one in the fourth inning, and they were more fortunate in taking advantage of the enemy's bobbles.

INDIA'S EARLY LEAD

Portugal were blanked in the first stanza, while India counted for one marker in the same session when Sherry Bux dented the pan on two bobbles by Nick Beltrao at first. In the second frame Portugal replied with one tally, Tony Alves scoring on a muff by centre-fielder Hassan and a wild throw by Kitchell.

In the second inning two more Indian runs crossed the plate, both of them earned. With two outs Tarzan Ismail worked Johnny Alvares for a free ticket to first and Sherry Bux did likewise. "Cyclone" Bakar slapped a sharp three-bagger to score Ismail. Bux, Nazarin grounded to third base to retire the canto.

India added two more runs in the third, when Kitchell and Hassan romped home on two hits and a wild throw by shortstop Tony Alves.

The third and fourth frames were barren for Portugal.

In the fourth Portugal came to life to rally with no fewer than three counts. With two away George Souza was safe at first on a bobbie by third-sacker O. Arculli and was advanced by Nick Beltrao on a hit. Lino Gosano followed with another safety to score Souza. Beltrao and Lino counted when Bakar muffed a fly off Eddie Gosano's bat. Tony Alves grounded to the pitcher to end the inning and Portugal's scoring for the day.

With the score 5-4 in the last frame Portugal came to bat with all the determination of at least tying the count but they could not get the old engine to spark up again, try as hard as they would!

With the crowd getting the jitters Johnny Alvares was given life with an Annie Oakley and stole second on the next pitch. George Souza's Japanese liner was spectacularly caught by second basemen A. K. Omar for the first erasure. Nick Beltrao sacrificed a bunt to advance Johnny. With the tying run on third, Lino Gosano popped to Sherry Bux at second for the third out and to end the most explosive encounter ever registered in a local International series.

"WE CAN TAKE IT!"

The Portuguese lads were, of course, down-hearted after the tilt and mum was the word except Mike "Fats" Mendonca who remarked, "It was a bitter pill to swallow, but we can take it!" A. M. "Sunburn" Omar was the happiest and the noisiest individual at the ball park, related mayhap by the thought of those 10

steins of amber from Willie, but mostly for the glory of Old India. When A. M. quietened a bit we ventured to ask him how the Indian boys got so tough to beat the much-boasted Portugal nine, and quick as a flash he retorted: "Following the example of Tuttle's Sundown League we have been flying anvils instead of kites these last two weeks to toughen our muscles!" What a man!

Johnny Alvares was not so deadly with his deliveries on Sunday, striking only one and walking four. Kassa Nazarin struck out one and passed one. "Cyclone" Bakar's triple was the only long hit of the fray.

	R. H. E.
India	122 000 x-5 4 5
Portugal	010 030 0-4 5 4

A FARCE

In the nightcap a handful of spectators saw a most disappointing farce when Great Britain walloped the Philippine squad in a lop-sided score of 14-3.

The Filipinos did not look like anywhere near the team that so decidedly upset China the week before. Dave Amper, who was complaining of a sore arm, yielded 11 runs and nine hits before he was yanked in the sixth in favour of Enoc Loyola.

SCORES AT A GLANCE

INTERNATIONAL			
Men			
India	5	Portugal	4
Great Britain	14	Philippines	3
Girls			
China	6	Great Britain	3
MEN'S LEAGUE			
Recreio	7	V.R.C.	6

Denham Gray, who was down with a touch of flu the day before, pitched a grand game limiting the Filipinos to two measly hits, one each by Loyola and Fidel Dollano.

The Southern boys opened the fracas with three tallies on two walks, two errors and a passed ball, and it looked as if they were on the road for another upset; their hopes were short-lived.

Britain smashing through with one run in the second, three more in the third and a seven rally in the fourth, iced the game for the Lions without wings. Great Britain tightened their defence after the first frame and blanked the Filipinos in the remaining six innings.

POOR JUDGMENT

Poor judgment of the Filipino outfielders was reasonable for the high score. Enoc Loyola misjudged two at centre-field, Fidel Dollano let one go over his head at right-field, and Frankie Gonzales miserably misjudged a long one, which went for a homer, for his uncle Dave Leonard. Stan Leonard also homered for Great Britain. Other long distance hits of the game were a triple by Plug Gillespie and one double each by Willie Sprinkle and Plug.

	R. H. E.
Great Britain ..	013 721 x-14 12 3
Philippines	300 000 0-3 2 7

TENNIS

T. A. PEARCE AND FAY SHOW PROMISE

By "ADREM"

PLAYING A REFRESHINGLY aggressive brand of tennis throughout, T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay yesterday beat the experienced combination of F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang 3-6, 6-1 and 6-2 in the Colony doubles tennis championship.

The winners were rather prone to errors in the first set, when the standard reached was never very high. Fay was largely responsible for the Chinese win as he could not get his groundstrokes into working order and was very bad when receiving service.

Pearce on the other hand was steady and made very few mistakes in any department.

FAY SETTLES DOWN

Vast improvement in Fay's play made all the difference in the second set and the Cricket Club pair went out in quick time for the loss of only one game. This set marked the complete collapse of the losers' services. That they had won all their service games in the first set can be attributed to Fay's errors. When he eliminated these, there was never any doubt as to the ultimate outcome.

And so it transpired. Fay and Pearce swept all before them in the final set to go out at 6-2.

The winners took the net at every opportunity and generally were most reliable on the volley, although in the early stages these were apt to be lacking in length and speed.

When they got on top they drove deep and proved more than equal to the occasion at the net, coming down on any loose lobs with great severity.

Fay served consistently well through, while Pearce, if not as spectacular, was almost as effective, his sliced service getting up sharply and being difficult to return with any accuracy.

The Chinese pair played the usual brand of League tennis, rarely at-

tempting to take the initiative and being quite content to wait for opposition errors. When these were not forthcoming with sufficient regularity, they faded out of the picture. Liang's best stroke was a backhand drive but latterly he lost control of this, his one attacking shot.

Pearce and Fay showed great promise and if they are not yet in the class of the Rumjans or the Tsuls, practice together should bring them to the front rank in the not too distant future provided they pursue their present aggressive methods.

Y. P. TSUI ADVANCES

On the Stand Court, Tsui Yan-pui had little difficulty in beating R. G. Beisel, Jr. 6-2, 6-0.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's tennis programme at Hong Kong Cricket Club:-

OPEN SINGLES	
Leung Ping-chiu v Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court).	
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	
J. J. Ferguson or R. C. Beavan v B. M. MacDougall (6).	
HANDICAP SINGLES	
M. Pagh (-30.5) v G. C. Burnett (-15)	
or E. Zulauf (-15) (7).	
MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP	
D. G. O. Allen and Miss J. Purvis (scr.)	
or G. B. and Mrs. Nicholson (-3.0) v J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Churchill (-15.2) (4).	

"BONEHEAD" PLAYS COST G. B. GAME

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Full marks must be given to the British girls for their good showing against the Chinese cuties. Although losing 6-3 the British femmes put up a good fight and, if not for their very, very poor base-running, the result might well have been different.

On several occasions they robbed themselves of runs due to bonehead base-running. For example can any one tell me why Mary Lachlan tried to steal home in the second frame when bases were loaded? I don't think Mary herself can explain such a bonehead! In the third inning Maudie Read, for no good reason at all, tried to pilfer second and was tagged midway. Betty Longbottom left first base before the ball left the pitcher's hand for another bonehead out.

These three boneheads alone were enough to cost the British girls the game. George Gurevitch, who was coaching third for the Britishers, through excitement or despair unconsciously violated Rule 29—Section 19 when he physically assisted Betty Longbottom to run home.

The rule says: "If in the judgment of the umpire, the coacher at third base by touching or holding the runner, physically assists him in returning to or leaving third base, the runner is out."

That makes George the goat of the game!

MAUD PITCHES WELL

Maudie Read did very well indeed on the firing line for Britain, fanning three and issuing no free passes to first. She was nicked for nine hits including a Ruthian clout by May "Half-pint" Chung. Mary Louie on the rubber for China pitched heady ball; she struck out five and walked three.

One double-play was pulled by the Chinese girls. Shortstop May Chung to Lily Mar, at the initial sack, then to Mabel Louie, at the hot corner, to nail both Vera Burson and Betty Longbottom.

Mary Lachlan took batting honours for the losers with two hits in three times up, while Mary Louie topped the batting list for the victors with the same percentage.

China was chalked up with five errors and Great Britain six. Unfortunate Paddy Seats committed three bobbles at right field to top her side in the miscue list.

	R. H. E.
China	131 001 0-6 9 5
Great Britain ..	012 000 0-3 7 6

BADMINTON

GOOD MATCH TO-NIGHT

An extremely close badminton match should be seen at Taikoo this evening when the one outstanding semi-final match in the Colony tournament will be played.

M. A. Oliveira and Miss Mylthie Silva, runners-up on numerous occasions, will be opposed to K. T. Yong and Miss Ulian Khoo. Miss K. J. Jo, with P. K. Hui, won the title last year, and is strongly favoured by many to win against this year.

The Recreio pair, however, are very experienced and if their opponents are not at their best form, may win.

YACHTING RESULTS

Following are the results of a ladies' sweepstake race held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over 5.25 miles:

	Finished Pos.
Guri	5.01.47 1
(Miss L. A. Heiberg).	
True Blue	5.07.44 2
(Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson).	
Joss	5.09.05 3
(Miss M. A. Nave).	
Artemis	5.11.52 4
(Mrs. V. Gowlland).	
La Lida	D.N.F. 5

EASTERN LEAVE TO-DAY FOR MANILA TOUR

(By "REFEREE")

EASTERN, WINNER of the Senior Shield competition, and runners-up, at least, in First Division of Hong Kong Football League, leave this afternoon for Manila to play a series of games there.

With the exception of Tsang Chung-wan and probably Lau Sze-chan, who cannot obtain leave, the whole shield team will make the trip, while, in addition to these, Tsui Ah-fai, former All China pivot, and Lau Hing-choi, of

probable that several may be invited to accompany the team on their return.

The team will be under the joint management of Tsui Hang and Sze Po-wai and will consist of

Lau Hin-hon, Kong Seng-king, Lau Hing-choi, Tsui Ah-fai, Lo Wai-kuen, Lau Tse-chuen, Cheung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, Lee Tak-kee, Ng Kee-cheong, Hau Ching-to and Chang Ying-kuen.

S'HAH PLAYERS

Eastern were to have been reinforced by several players from Shanghai but at the time of writing these players have not yet arrived to join them. It is probable that, if they do travel, they will meet the remainder of the team in Manila.

BOWLS MEETING

A Council meeting of Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association will be held at the offices of Messrs. Gande, Price and Company at 5.30 this evening.

SHANGHAI PLAYERS ARRIVE

Lee Yee-san, Tsui Chow-ling and Hsu Man-fui of the Lido Football Team, Shanghai, arrived late last night and will be leaving with Eastern for Manila this afternoon.

South China, will also accompany the team.

Eastern are scheduled to play five games in Manila and expect to return to the Colony by April 23.

Though none of their players have been considered for the Saigon Interport at the end of the month it is quite

IRIS WOOLLEY TO WED.

Miss Iris Woolley, the C.B.A. Ladies' hockey captain, and skipper of the victorious Hong Kong Interport team which travelled to Shanghai last year, will be married early next month to D. W. Joyce, the K.C.C. tennis player.

SAINTS' HOCKEY WIND-UP

St. Andrew's Club will hold a mixed Seven-a-Side Hockey tournament on Saturday, April 27, commencing at 2.30 p.m. on the Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park.

The tournament will be followed by a dinner-dance at 7.30 p.m. All hockey enthusiasts of the Club are requested to turn out for both functions. Mrs. J. R. Higgs, wife of St. Andrew's Vicar, will present souvenir prizes to the winners of the hockey tournament.

F. A. AND FORGED TICKETS

The announcement that Government were shortly to bring in legislation which would make it an offence for the sale of football tickets at any, but recognised places, was yesterday made at the monthly Council meeting of Hong Kong Football Association, during discussion on forged tickets and profiteering at the last shield game.

Mr. Pryde said that forged tickets constitute a serious matter and steps should be taken to give the public a fair deal. The question of profiteering had occupied the attention of the Council for some years and it has been held that the possessor of a ticket issued by the Association is at all times entitled to admission.

The Government has been informed of the forged tickets and one of the culprits was arrested and handed over to Police.

PUBLIC WARNED

Mr. Pryde said that the public had been warned many times through the medium of the press, who have always co-operated, to purchase their tickets direct, but the habit of the public of buying their tickets from these racketeers has added greatly to the aggravation of the situation.

Greater precautions will be taken at the remaining representative games this season.

It was also stated that half of the tickets had been taken by affiliated clubs prior to the booking being opened to the public, and that the remainder were sold out shortly after booking was opened.

A letter was read from Area Sports Board in connection with the stands, which collapsed during the final of the "Sunday Herald" Cup game and asked for some contribution towards the cost of rebuilding same.

It was regretted that the letter could not be entertained but one member suggested that some assistance could be given them by a football game.

Mr. Wong Ka-tsun said that if the stands were unsafe before the match the responsibility did not fall on the Association.

The gates of the ground had to be closed before the start of the China-Scotland International Charity Cup competition on March 25 owing to the unsafe state of the uncovered stand.

Messrs. Wong Ka-tsun, J. Skinner and Lt. H. S. Cooper were elected to the sub-committee to allot the \$6,800 from the "Sunday Herald" cup to charities.

A PROTEST

A letter was read from Mr. W. H. Chen, of South China, protesting against the appointment of an army referee during the shield match, South China and Engineers and accused him of partiality and incompetency. He made mention of a penalty awarded against his club. Mr. Chen said he was able to produce two impartial witnesses about the penalty incident.

Mr. Hollands said that as far as the penalty incident was concerned the referee's decision was final.

Mr. Guimgam said that the referee was neutral inasmuch as he did not belong to Engineers, and though the appointed referee did not turn up, his appointment was quite in order as he was told to officiate at the game by the Hon. Secretary of the Association.

Mr. Chen asked that the question of the referee's method of handling the game be referred to the Referee's Committee of the Football Association. Fifty per cent of the net receipts is to be paid to Macao in the recent Interport match, but the Chairman said that the cost of the Interport dinner was much more than the Association's share.

The final of the Lai Wah cup will be played at the Hong Kong Football ground on Sunday. Major Gen. and Mrs. Grassett will be present and the Cup presented by Mrs. Grassett.

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 11th April, 1940.

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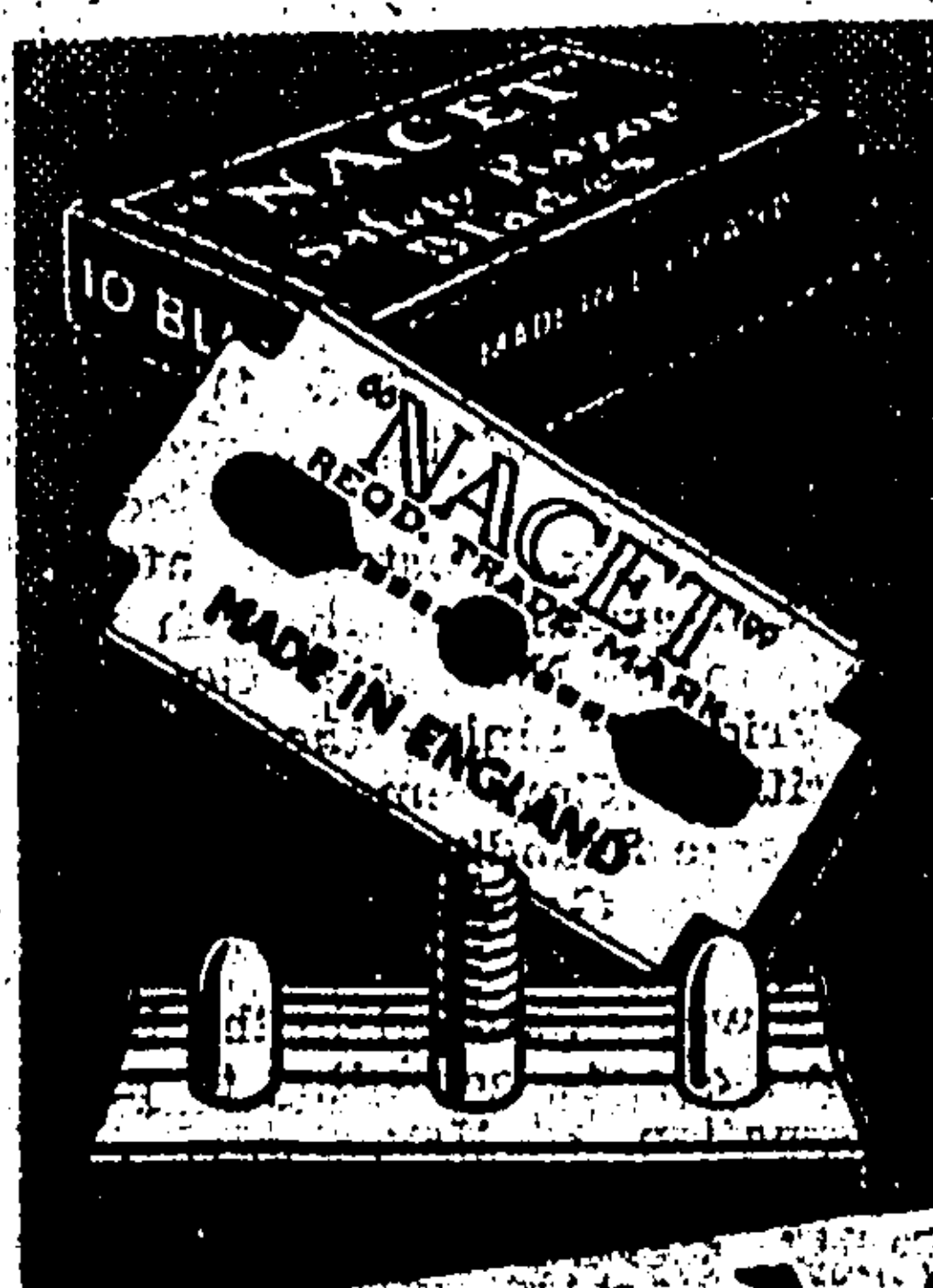
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Mainland	Feet.
Taiwan	8134
Kowloon Peak	1071

FOLLOWING GERMANY'S EXAMPLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
London, To-day.

Thanks to the new minefields, Germany is now unable to communicate with the outside world through Norwegian territorial waters.

Pointing out the extreme importance of the measures, a naval authority declared in an exclusive interview with Havas that the Allied decision stops completely, for at least a few weeks, all shipments of Swedish iron-ore, as the harbour of Lulea, in the Gulf of Bothnia, is not yet unfrozen.

EXPENSIVE ALTERNATIVE

Afterwards, some shipments could be made, but the Reich will have to face heavy costs for railway transportation from Lapland to Lulea. Ships running the blockade will not be able to pass to Germany.

Finally, contraband goods of Norwegian origin—notably sulphur, copper, fish oil and sea food—will not reach the Reich.

The Allied action should not surprise Germany, which, during the World War, mined Danish territorial waters to prevent Allied communication with Russia. — Havas.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR INDISPOSED

On medical advice His Excellency the Governor has for the immediate future cancelled all engagements that would entail his leaving his room, to which he is confined with an occlusion of a vein of the right leg.

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WEATHER REPORT

A moderate anticyclone has developed over China, pressure being highest to the north of the Yangtse. The depression is moving north-eastward across Hokkaido.

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STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

A BLACK-OUT WAS ENFORCED IN OSLO, THE NORWEGIAN CAPITAL, AT 12.45 THIS MORNING, WHILE TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION WITH STOCKHOLM WAS CUT OFF.—REUTER.

London, To-day.

A special correspondent to the "Daily Telegraph" at Narvik learns that at least eight German ships are trapped somewhere along the Norwegian coast and seven more in the harbour at Narvik.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

Responsible circles yesterday stressed the fact that the mine-laying in Norwegian waters is not intended to interfere with Norway's legitimate trade, writes the Diplomatic Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

He adds that all provisions of the Anglo-Norwegian and Anglo-Swedish trade agreements will be scrupulously observed.

At the same time, it should be known that the agreements specifically reserved to Britain full belligerent rights.

A special Copenhagen correspondent to the "Daily Telegraph" reports that it is understood that the Allied step was taken as a result for the refusal of Norway to lay minefields herself.—Reuter.

Oslo, To-day.

The blackout followed an air raid alarm lasting for half an hour.—Reuter.

New York, To-day.

The "New York Times" reported early to-day that a message had been received from its Copenhagen correspondent stating that the Germans have occupied Copenhagen.

The correspondent's message indicated that he had filed the report just ahead of the suddenly imposed censorship.—Reuter.

GERMAN ULTIMATUM TO NORWAY?

(Continued from Page 1)

During the visit of the Norwegian Minister to the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, yesterday afternoon, the conversation dealt with the Allied Note to the Norwegian Government on Friday defining the position of the British Government towards Norway in case Scandinavia should be submitted to a German or Soviet threat.

This note was examined in the light of the latest events, according to present information. — Havas.

GRAF SPEE ESCAPE

Buenos Aires, To-day.

Eleven officers from the Graf Spee, who were interned, are reported to have escaped.—Reuter.

New York, To-day.

It is reported here that Norway is at war with Germany.—Reuter.

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THE CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1940.

NAZI INVASION OF SCANDINAVIA

OSLO CABINET LEAVES CAPITAL: DANISH ARMY RETIRES BEFORE INVADERS

GERMANY'S BRITZKRIEG AGAINST THE NEUTRALS STARTED IN GRIM EARNEST THIS MORNING WHEN NAZI TROOPS INVADED NORWAY AND DENMARK AT A NUMBER OF POINTS AND OCCUPIED THE DANISH CAPITAL, COPENHAGEN. OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF THE GERMAN ACTION, WHICH HAS FLABBERGASTED THE WORLD IN SPITE OF OFT-REPEATED NAZI THREATS TO NEUTRALS, IS CONTAINED IN A SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND IN BERLIN.

This communique states: "In order to protect Norway and Denmark against hostile action the German army has taken these two countries under its protection. The German army therefore invaded Norway and Denmark this morning."

A series of terse cables received in Hong Kong this evening told the dramatic and pitiful story of this latest Nazi march of conquest against two countries neither of which can oppose the invaders with much hope of success. So far there has been no hint of Allied action.

NO DANISH OPPOSITION

First indication of extension of the war to Scandinavia came in a message from Copenhagen, stating that German troops had crossed the Schleswig frontier, with the Danish garrison at Sonderburg moving northwards before the advancing enemy. The Danes retreated after a 30-minute parley with the German commander.

Three German cruisers simultaneously entered Middlefart harbour, where German troops were landed and occupied a neighbouring street. At least one heavy gun was put ashore here. Three other large German ships, believed to be transports, are in the Little Belt, between Jutland and Funen Island.

Other German forces were landed in areas in the Sound and occupied the Danish capital, Copenhagen. News of the occupation was contained in a despatch from the "New York Times" correspondent, while the Copenhagen wireless station, in a message to the Mackay Radio (New York) said the station was closing down as it had been "occupied by German troops."

The San Francisco radio, in a broadcast announcing the German invasion of Denmark, said the German troops entered the neighbourhood of Copenhagen unopposed. Confirmation of the invasion was also received from the Columbia Broadcasting System in the United States.

States, which interrupted its programme at 5.40 a.m. (G.M.T.) saying the invasion was confirmed by the Danish Legation at Washington.

British Envoy's Telegram

A report from the British Minister at Copenhagen has been received in London confirming the startling developments. The Minister added that German transports landed men at the northern extremity of Denmark.

While there is as yet no official confirmation in London of the occupation of Copenhagen, there is little doubt but that the report is true, and that the small Danish forces were either taken completely by surprise or offered no resistance in what could only be a futile struggle.

Norway Declares War

The sudden imposition of a black-out in Oslo first told the outside world that surprises were to be expected in Norway. Simultaneously telephone communication with Stockholm was cut. The black-out followed an air raid alarm lasting half an hour.

While New York and San Francisco reports state that Norway has declared war on Germany, only news of actual fighting comes from Washington.

The American State Department revealed that the U.S. Minister in Oslo had been told by Dr. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, that Norway had fired on four German warships which were entering Oslo Fjord.

The State Department also revealed that the Norwegian Government has left the capital and has gone to a town in the centre of Norway.

The U.S. Minister added in her report that in reply to a British request she has taken charge of British interests.

Oslo Radio announced briefly that German troops had landed at a Norwegian port this morning. Messages from Havas and Reuter.

Oslo To-day

The Norwegian Government has left for Hamar. Reuter.

PRIZE PROVES TREASURE SHIP

London, To-day. The German freighter Uhenfels, which was brought up the Thames by the Royal Navy, has almost completed unloading at Millwall Docks and has proved a veritable treasure ship. It is estimated the ship and cargo are worth roughly £750,000, including tons of oil cake and groundnuts suitable for making margarine. Reuter.

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200 GERMANS DROWNED

OSLO, TO-DAY. TWO HUNDRED MEN ARE REPORTED TO HAVE GONE DOWN WITH THE UNIDENTIFIED GERMAN SHIP WHICH WAS SUNK BY THE ROYAL NAVY OFF LILLE-SAND YESTERDAY.

It is stated that 88 men were saved, and that 27 bodies have been recovered. Reuter.

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IMPORTANT DAYS IN SHANGHAI HISTORY

Vital Elections Tomorrow And On Thursday

RIVAL CAMPS MAKE LAST-MINUTE APPEALS TO ELECTORS

Shanghai, To-day.

WITH POLLING TIME LESS than 24 hours away, public interest in the Shanghai Municipal Council elections — which may well decide the future of the Settlement — has reached an intense pitch.

The general feeling is expressed by the "North China Daily News," which comments that to-morrow and Thursday will probably be two important days in the history of the International Settlement.

The two opposing camps—the Anglo-Americans and the Japanese—are making last-minute appeals by press, radio and pamphlets.

The main question to be decided at the polls is whether the S.M.C. is to be ruled by a "status quo" Council or with five Japanese members on the governing body.

APPEAL TO BRITONS

The British election committee is now finishing off its campaign.

All British ratepayers have been circularised and asked to turn out in force to support the British and American candidates.

The American Association committee has taken similar steps.

ANGLO-AMERICAN CONFIDENCE

It is hoped to keep some sort of a check on Americans polling; those not voting to-morrow are to be communicated with and asked to vote on Thursday.

A fleet of cars is being organized to take to the polls those British and American voters not possessing their own means of transportation.

The leaders of the British and American communities are confident that there will be almost a 100 per cent turn-out of their nationals.

The Japanese election committee is also winding up its campaign.

"PERSUASION" REPORTS

Japanese will be allowed to have coaches at the polling stations to instruct the Japanese voters. Free transportation facilities will also be provided for the Japanese voters.

The election battle has thrown up many reports of "persuasion" being exercised on voters.

It is reported that squads of Japanese in plain clothes "invaded" Hongkew news-stands yesterday and seized all copies of the German refugee paper "Gelbpost."

EDITOR PROTESTS

It is stated that the order for the confiscation was apparently issued after the refugees' daily paper intimated in recent editions that the emigres should help the Occidentals to preserve the status quo on the S.M.C.

A. J. Stortor, editor and publisher of the "Gelbpost," has lodged a written protest with the Commissioner of Police.

RUSSIAN PAMPHLETS

It is also reported that pamphlets printed in Russian have been distributed among unemployed Russians, alleging that the British and American representatives on the Council ignored Russian interests.

The pamphlets demand that the Russians should not vote for "The S.M.C. Gentlemen" until Russians are allowed representation on the Council.

On the other hand, Japanese newspapers here report alleged cases of disfranchisement of Japanese indirect rate-payers by re-investigation of their qualifications through the S.M.C. while British indirect taxpayers are qualified to vote without re-investigation.

"PU YI NO. 2" NOT POPULAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

President Lin Sen and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek have received many messages from Chinese military leaders strongly condemning Wang Ching-wei's regime and urging the National Government to take strong measures against it.

Other anti-Wang messages continue to pour in some demanding energetic action against "Pu Yi No. 2." —Havas.

FOREIGNERS IN TRAFFIC CASES

Mrs. E. Kella, of Mody House, who pleaded guilty through a representative, was fined \$8 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning when summoned for driving at 28 m.p.h. through Nathan Road controlled area.

Mr. V. Chirkoff, of the Dairy Farm, Pokfulam, was cautioned for sounding the car's horn in the silent area in the prohibited hours.

TRIAD CHARGE AGAINST POLICEMAN

A member of the Hong Kong Police Force, Lam Muk, attached to the Water Police Station, was alleged to be a member of a "Triad Society."

He was charged before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning and remanded for one week at the request of Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey.

S.M.R. INVESTMENTS IN NORTH CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

DAIREN, TO-DAY.

AN INCREASE OF 110,000,000 YEN IS SHOWN IN THE SOUTH MANCHURIAN RAILWAY'S 1940 BUDGET WHICH AMOUNTS TO 469,000,000 YEN.

Last year the budget amounted to 359,000,000 Yen.

New appropriations will be invested chiefly in North China.

Appropriation has also been made for the development of coal and oil refining. —Havas.

PITHY AMERICAN COMMENT

New York, To-day.

Only the defeat of Germany holds out any hope for any effective rule of international law, comments the "New York Herald Tribune."

If, in ensuring that defeat, the Allies strain the law the Nazis have so frequently broken, it will be unfortunate, but no defender of international law can safely raise his voice against the Allies in this respect unless he is quite certain that they can win the war without it.—Reuter.

PUZZLING WANG TRIP TO PEIPING

Peiping, To-day.

Wang Ching-wei arrived here on a sudden visit shortly after noon yesterday by plane. Evidently his arrival took all but a few in the know completely by surprise.

Wang is remaining in Peiping a few days and stated in an interview with Chinese, Japanese and foreign journalists that he had come to North China to investigate the situation here and to meet responsible authorities, including the Japanese military commander-in-chief and others.

Wang stressed the importance of anti-Communism in the policy of the new government, and expressed confidence that the North China regime would co-operate with the Nanking government.

"China and Japan have the same goal; surely we can join hand in hand and work for the welfare of both."

Local foreign circles are completely puzzled as regards the reasons for Wang's visit, particularly its suddenness and secrecy. — Reuter.

DUTCH TO CONTROL COMMODITIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The import and export of certain essential commodities will be severely controlled at the Netherlands border, an official communique declares, pointing out that the measures are taken in accordance with the Anglo-Dutch trade agreement of March 23.

Answering German allegations that the new measures are of services to the Allies, the communique points out that they are only taken to ensure a supply of essential commodities from abroad for the needs of the Dutch population itself. —Havas.

FRENCH MOVE AGAINST COMMUNISTS

Paris, To-day.

The police have arrested five alleged ring-leaders, accused of organising Communist propaganda in the industrial area in northern Paris.

The police assert that the men were taking orders from the Third International.

Twelve others were arrested elsewhere in France.—Reuter.

JAPS. PLAY TRICKS ON THE ETHER

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING ALLEGED INTERFERENCE WITH THE BROADCASTS OF THE AMERICAN-OWNED RADIO STATION XNHA WERE MADE YESTERDAY BY MR. MONROE B. HALL, CONSUL ATTACHED TO THE POLITICAL AND PROTECTION SECTION OF THE U.S. CONSULATE-GENERAL, WHEN HE CALLED ON MR. Y. MIURA, JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL.

The visit was the result of a protest filed at the American Consulate on Saturday by Mr. L. H. Healey, station manager, and Mr. Carroll Alcott, news commentator, alleging that Japanese elements operating from Hongkew were causing interference.

Mr. Miura is reported to have promised that the Japanese authorities would investigate.

Interference with the station's programmes—especially the news broadcast—began on Saturday.

It is alleged that the interference is an effort to handicap the station's broadcasts in support of the British and American candidates for the Municipal elections, as opposed to the five Japanese candidates.—Reuter.

ARGYLE ST. AMBUSH

Before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning, Tung Sui-wing, 19, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment for unlawful possession of a dagger.

Sergeant Morrison stated that police, on information, set an ambush in Argyle Street, near Mongkok Market, at 7 p.m. on last Friday.

One hour later accused and others, about ten altogether, turned up and were surrounded. The dagger was found concealed in accused's girdle as well as five hammers picked up near the pavement.

The rest of the gang made their escape but accused was arrested.

After enquiries the police established that a free-for-all fight would have taken place there that night between two parties of gangs.

NO HEARING FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. A. DUFF-COOPER, FORMER FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, SPEAKING IN LONDON AFTER HIS RETURN FROM A LECTURE TOUR IN THE UNITED STATES, SAID THAT SINCE WAR BROKE OUT HE HAD FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PLACE AN ARTICLE IN AN AMERICAN NEWSPAPER.

The Americans were most interested in Mr. Hore-Bellisha's resignation but Mr. Hore-Bellisha was also unable to place an article in the American press, so strong was the American fear of doing British propaganda.

Britain was doing too little, Mr. Duff-Cooper said, in acquainting Americans with the true facts, while the Germans were very successful with their propaganda.—Reuter.

EARLIER DEVELOPMENTS

SCANDINAVIA ALERT

Military Precautions Taken

ENERGETIC STEPS IN S. SWEDEN; LIGHTS OUT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

LATEST STEPS IN THE TENSE SITUATION ARISING OUT OF THE ALLIED SOWING OF MINE-FIELDS IN SCANDINAVIAN WATERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE COUNTRIES MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED — NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

Messages received in London from Stockholm reveal that the Swedish General Staff has ordered immediate strict military measures to face any situation. Especially energetic measures, it is added, have been taken in southern Sweden, presumably in case of an attempted German landing.

In Norway (states an Oslo telegram), the authorities have issued orders to the Norwegian Fleet to concentrate in the northern harbour of Narvik.

(The Norwegian Fleet is built for coast guard duty and consists of four small cruisers, five destroyers and nine submarines, manned by only 850 men).

The Norwegian Government has also ordered the authorities at Narvik and at Bodoe, which controls the southern entrance to the channels between the Lofoten Islands and the mainland, to close the harbour to all west-bound traffic.

LIGHTS EXTINGUISHED

In Oslo, well-informed circles state that the Norwegian authorities have ordered the stopping of all iron-ore shipments through Narvik.

The Norwegian Admiralty last night ordered all lighthouses between the Swedish frontier and Merteinen, near Bergen, to be extinguished.—Havas.

KING AND QUEEN AT ALDERSHOT

London, To-day.

The King yesterday inspected militiamen at Aldershot who had been recommended for commissions from the ranks.

At the same time the Queen inspected two Canadian regiments, one being the Toronto Scottish, of which the Queen is Colonel-in-Chief. Her Majesty recalled to the Colonel that she had presented new colours to the regiment in Toronto during the Royal Tour of Canada eleven months ago.—British Wireless.

PROPAGANDA WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Britain has decided to give wide publication to a map setting out plans for German expansion (already revealed) which the Czech authorities found in a search on Henlein's headquarters in 1936.

No less than 300,000 copies of the map will be placed in clubs, restaurants, hotels and other public places.—Havas.

GERMAN PLANES OVER BELGIUM AGAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

Foreign planes — some of which were identified as German — flew over Namur and Eupen yesterday at a great height, dropping pamphlets printed in French.—Havas.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS EXPECTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Important decisions will probably be taken at noon to-day at a meeting of the War Cabinet under the chairmanship of President Lebrun.

General Gamelin and General Georges (Chief of Staff) were present at a preliminary meeting yesterday.—Havas.

DUTCHMAN FINED

A 43-year-old Dutch merchant, Pieter Poulous Dobbe, residing at the Arlington Hotel, Kowloon, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy with failing to report change of address on April 4. Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$10.

On a similar charge, Hendriena Van Laer, 25, spinster of the same address was also fined \$10.

Detective Sergeant J. Headridge conducted the prosecution.

NAZIS CLOSE THE DUTCH FRONTIER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Apparently fearing espionage, the German authorities have practically closed the German-Dutch border.

German visas are granted only in exceptional cases and even German women, married to Dutch subjects, cannot visit their relatives in Germany.

The few Dutch workmen employed in Germany are being closely watched.

Eye-witnesses report that many people try to talk to their relatives standing on the other side of the border near the frontier posts, but the Nazi Storm Troops put an end to such conversations.—Havas.

ANSWER THAT, GOEBBELS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE MINING OPERATIONS JUST CARRIED OUT OFF NORWAY BY THE ALLIES MAY GIVE MUCH FOOD FOR THOUGHT TO THE GERMANS AS TO THE VALUE OF THEIR PROPAGANDA, OFFICIAL CIRCLES HERE COMMENT.

For several months now, Dr. Goebbels has been claiming that the German Navy had become absolute master of the North Sea and neighbouring waters.

The Allied ships, however, could lay down the minefields, announcing before-hand in what areas they would be operating.

The whole operation was carried out with maximum speed and precision by the Allies Navies, working in perfect co-operation.—Havas.

THE BALKANS NEXT?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE ATTENTION OF THE WHOLE WORLD IS FOCUSED ON SCANDINAVIA, WHILE BRITISH DIPLOMACY CONTINUES TO PREPARE MEASURES FOR STOPPING THE ENEMY'S ECONOMIC EXPANSION IN THE BALKANS.

Yesterday morning, Lord Halifax conferred for more than three hours with the British envoys to south-east Europe, Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Economic Warfare, being present.

Sir Percy Loraine, British Ambassador to Rome, was received by the King.—Havas.

CRACK NAZI SQUADRON GIVEN HOT RECEPTION BY THE R.A.F.

London, To-day.

EIGHTEEN OR 20 MESSERSCHMIDT fighters were involved in Sunday's furious battle with a much smaller force of Hawker Hurricanes; the Nazi planes were of the single-engined 109 type, of which the wreckage of one, which was brought down at Boulay-Moselle, within a mile or two of the Maginot Line, has been found.

Another was seen to fall, apparently crippled, but no wreckage has been located within the Allied lines to confirm a definite "bag."

In recent actions, the twin-engined cannon-firing Messerschmidt 110 had been tried out.

GIVEN HOT RECEPTION

The change-back to the earlier and less powerful Messerschmidt 109 is evidently a sequel to the hot reception the 110 was given.

Goering at this stage of the war can better afford to lose the mass-produced 109, of which he had plenty, than its more exclusive big brother.

The switchover may be only temporary but while it lasts the crack squadron to which the 110's are believed to have been attached will be thinking hard.

This squadron was probably moved specially to the Western Front to create a big impression and whip up the waning enthusiasm of the other fighter squadrons. Doubtless it was expected to take the heart out of pilots flying the single-engine Hurricanes and the French fighters but if so, it has failed to do so.—Reuter.

SOONG SISTERS VISIT WOUNDED SOLDIERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

The three Soong sisters yesterday visited the "Friends of Wounded Soldiers" Hospital, paying special attention to five Japanese soldiers, giving them packages identical to those received by the Chinese wounded.—Havas.

CONFERENCE ON BALKANS OPENS

London, To-day.

The British Ministers from the Balkan States and the Ambassadors from Italy, Russia and Turkey met at the Foreign Office for over three hours yesterday afternoon under the chairmanship of the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax.

The meeting got to grips with the co-ordinated policy of counteracting Germany's economic pressures in south-eastern Europe and the development of British trade.

It is understood the meeting will last at least a week and no official statement will be published until its termination.—Reuter.

BIAS BAY MOVES SPECULATION

(From Our Border Correspondent)

THERE IS SPECULATION in Chinese circles regarding the object of the assembling of Japanese warships in Bias Bay, the bombing of Sha-ue-chung yesterday and the arrival of two armed trawlers and some 10 armed junks off Namtau at dawn to-day.

CHINA'S REAL SORROW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

In an editorial entitled "China's Sorrow," the "New York Times" points out that "two news items tell the story of the misfortunes of China."

The "Times" referred to the announcement of the formation of Wang Ching-wei's cabinet and to the appeal from Consul-General Gauss in Shanghai to the American people "to help to meet a desperate food shortage in China."

"It is hard to decide which of these two dispatches is more shocking," the editorial continues. "In both, the helpless masses of the Chinese people appear as the victims of ambition and intrigue. Both the Japanese and the renegade Chinese have spent a vast number of words and made countless gestures to build up a 'face' for Mr. Wang's. Mr. Wang's 'face' is thoroughly harmonious with the Japanese policy, as expressed more than two years ago, of respecting the territorial integrity and sovereignty of China, as well as the rights and interests of other powers in China." By calling Mr. Wang's government Chinese, Japan assumed to respect Chinese integrity and sovereignty. By inviting the Western nations to recognise Wang and deal with him, she holds out the hope that any rights and interests they may have that are not inconsistent with Japanese interests, may be preserved.

"Mr. Wang's new allies," the newspaper continues, "have been a more deadly plague than any sickness, famine or flood. They, and not the Yellow River, are 'China's Sorrow.'"

In conclusion, the editorial states that there remains one way in which an individual American can intervene: "He can contribute to the Red Cross or to the Church Committee for Relief in China, with the full assurance that he will be saving the lives of helpless and innocent Chinese civilians." — Havas.

WRECKS OF GERMAN PLANES FOUND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The wrecks of the five German planes shot down on Sunday have all been located on French territory; their crews are either dead or captured.

On Sunday, the second of two Nazi planes reported to have probably been shot down on April 1 was located. It was a Dornier-17 and was found in Belgium. — Havas.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR INDISPOSED

On medical advice His Excellency the Governor has for the immediate future cancelled all engagements that would entail his leaving his room, to which he is confined with an occlusion of a vein of the right leg.

It is also learned that between 400 and 500 "puppet" troops, under Japanese military leaders, are massed at Taiping, opposite Bocca Tigris, some 25 miles north-west of Namtau.

It is feared in some quarters that the Japanese intend once again to occupy the border between Namtau and Shataukok.

The object of yesterday's raid on Sha-ue-chung is believed to be an attempt to sever communications between Sha-ue-chung and the interior of Kwangtung.

The Chinese military are well prepared for any emergency. All armed forces have received instructions to stand-by. They anticipate a landing at Ha-chung in Bias Bay, the same spot where the Japanese first landed prior to the taking of Canton last year.

READY TO EVACUATE

Residents in Sha-ue-chung are making preparations to evacuate following receipt of advice by the Chinese authorities at Tamshui, and many have already left. A few commercial firms have suspended business.

The ferry service between the New Territories and Sha-ue-chung, across Mirs Bay, and between Hong Kong and Namtau is still operating. No attempt to interfere with the ferry boat was made by the armed Japanese boats off Namtau this morning.

Representatives of the different armed Chinese units, including guerillas, in the Po On District, were summoned to Shumchun last night and a military conference was held to discuss the situation and issue instructions.

Normal conditions prevail along the entire border, but uneasiness among the population is noticeable.

FOLLOWING GERMANY'S EXAMPLE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Thanks to the new mine-fields, Germany is now unable to communicate with the outside world through Norwegian territorial waters.

Pointing out the extreme importance of the measures, a naval authority declared in an exclusive interview with Havas that the Allied decision stops completely, for at least a few weeks, all shipments of Swedish iron-ore, as the harbour of Lulea, in the Gulf of Bothnia, is not yet unfrozen.

EXPENSIVE ALTERNATIVE

Afterwards, some shipments could be made, but the Reich will have to face heavy costs for railway transportation from Lapland to Lulea. Ships running the blockade will not be able to pass to Germany.

Finally, contraband goods of Norwegian origin—notably sulphur, copper, fish oil and sea food—will not reach the Reich.

The Allied action should not surprise Germany, which, during the World War, mined Danish territorial waters to prevent Allied communication with Russia. — Havas.

GRAF SPEE ESCAPE

Buenos Aires, To-day.

Seven officers from the Graf Spee, who were interned, are reported to have escaped. — Havas.

STOP PRESS

TEL. 20022 or 33993

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

AIR RAIDS ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE NAZIS AGAINST OSLO AND CHRISTIANSTAD, BUT NO DETAILS OF ANY DAMAGE ARE YET AVAILABLE.

THE OSLO RADIO IS STILL FUNCTIONING.—HAVAS.

Oslo, To-day.

The Germans are now attacking Norway from various points and are reported to have effected small landings here and there, notably at Bergen and Larvik.

The Norwegians are resisting the Germans at all points and coastal batteries in the Oslo fiord are pounding away at the German warships and transports. General mobilization has been ordered.

Meanwhile, the Norwegian Government is evacuating the civilian populations of Oslo and Christianstadi in two batches, one to-day and one to-morrow. They have been given notices telling them where to go.—Havas.

London, To-day.

Oslo Radio announces that German troops commenced landing at Norwegian ports at 3 o'clock this morning.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

German troops are moving rapidly up into Denmark, the little Danish army withdrawing before them and keeping about half a mile away.

The whole of southern Denmark is now under German control.—Havas.

Paris, To-day.

The Oslo radio says the Germans have occupied Bergen and Trondheim.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The captain of the Nazi transport which was sunk by the Royal Navy ignored the order to stop and tried to dash for Norwegian waters. The first torpedo did not sink the ship, but the German troops on board started jumping into the sea. All wore uniform and carried identification tabs giving the numbers of their battalions and regiments.—Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

All communications between Germany and Holland have been cut off.

There has been no official explanation for this from Berlin, German circles merely stating that this will last "indefinitely." —Havas.

Washington, To-day.

The U.S. Minister to Norway, Mrs. Harriman, has informed the State Department that Norway is at war with Germany. She said she had been so informed by the Norwegian Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The whole of Scandinavia is cut off from telephone communication with London. All telephone calls between Scandinavian countries and London pass through Copenhagen. The London-Copenhagen radio telephone service normally opens at 6 a.m. (G.M.T.) but London operators failed to get a reply from Copenhagen this morning.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Oslo, To-day.

A small German landing party is reported to have landed at Haugesund, on the Norwegian sea coast, while others are believed to have landed at Bergen and Trondheim.

It is also reported that a small German force has been landed at Narvik.—Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

The German Admiralty announces that mines have been laid all along the west coast of Norway and in the Skagerrak. Mines have also been laid off Swedish ports in the Skagerrak.—Havas.